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An American soldier surveys the damage after a mortar attack Wednesday wounded 11 U.S. soldiers at Log Base Seitz, an Army logistics compound on the outskirts of Baghdad. Two of the injured were evacuated by helicopter, but all were expected to survive. The attack started a fire that burned for well over an hour.

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NewsTracker ... What's new with old news

States

Embryo settlement: A white woman, Donna Fasano, who was the unwitting surrogate mother for a black baby has settled her lawsuit against a fertility clinic that mistakenly implanted a black couple's embryo in her uterus.

A doctor admitted he put some of the fertilized embryos of the black woman, Deborah Perry-Rogers, into a catheter that was used to implant the embryos of Fasano, according to court papers.

Fasano became pregnant and gave birth to two boys — one white and one black. Perry-Rogers was implanted only with her own fertilized eggs; none of those produced a fetus. The Fasanos gave the black baby to the Rogerses.

Michael Jackson case: Michael Jackson's attorneys asked a judge in Los Angeles on Tuesday to seal several motions in the child molestation case, including their request that the indictment against the pop star be thrown out.

The motion by defense attorney Robert Sanger said the documents would disclose "the testimony of witnesses or potential victims and disclose possible evidence" that may not be admitted at trial.

Ted Houtous, an attorney for news organizations covering the case, argued the public had a right to see them to decide if the court was being fair.

Mad cow tests inconclusive: The Agriculture Department on Tuesday received an "inconclusive" preliminary screening on a second animal indicating possible mad cow disease, but officials cautioned the test is so sensitive it does not mean another case has been found.

It's the second such discovery in five days as part of the government's rapid screening program. The only confirmed mad cow case in this country was discovered in Washington state last December, prompting more sophisticated screening programs.

Philadelphia mayor: Nearly nine months after an FBI bug was discovered in a mayor's office, a former city treasurer, a powerful city lawyer and 10 others were indicted in a municipal corruption investigation.

The probe became public in October, when police conducting a security sweep discovered an FBI listening device in the City Hall office of Mayor John F. Street, who has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

The latest indictment, announced Tuesday, alleges that in 2002 and 2003, attorney Ronald A. White gave cash and gifts worth tens of thousands of dollars to then-Treasurer Corey Kemp to influence which financial services companies were selected to handle bond transactions for the city.

God back in oath: The North Carolina Supreme Court ordered a judge Tuesday to restore references to God in the words used when he enters the courtroom and when witnesses swear to tell the truth.

The high court sided with angry officials from two counties who complained that District Judge James M. Honeycutt had taken



Israel barrier wall: Backdropped by a section of the separation barrier being built by Israel, a Palestinian boy plays ball on the roof of his house in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Wednesday. Israel's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Israel will have to change the route of its barrier in a 40-kilometer section in a different area north of Jerusalem as the barrier current route causes "severe injury" to the life of Palestinian residents.

it upon himself to change courtroom procedures. Honeycutt presides over district courts in four counties south of Winston-Salem.

Carnahan crash: The family of the late Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan ended efforts to win punitive damages in the October 2000 plane crash that killed the governor, his son and an aide, the family's attorney said.

A jury in January found aircraft parts manufacturer Parker Hannifin Corp. of Cleveland liable for \$4 million in actual damages but rejected the family's request for punitive damages.

The lawsuit contended that faulty vacuum pumps failed and cut power to instruments used by Randy Carnahan, pilot of the small plane carrying his father and aide Chris Sifford from the St. Louis area to southeastern Missouri for a campaign event.

Gay marriage: A federal appeals court Tuesday rejected an attempt by conservative groups and state lawmakers to stop gay marriage in Massachusetts.

The Florida-based Liberty Counsel, which launched the lawsuit, said it would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The plaintiffs had argued that Massachusetts' high court usurped the power of the Legislature — and thereby violated the U.S. Constitution — when it ruled last year that gay couples are entitled to wed.

Business

Microsoft settlement: Massachusetts consumers could receive as much as \$34 million worth of computer products, while North Dakota consumers could get as much as \$9 million in separate, proposed settlements of class-action lawsuits accusing Microsoft Corp. of violating each state's antitrust laws.

Under settlements approved Tuesday, Massachusetts and North Dakota would become the 11th and 12th states with which the Redmond, Wash.-based software giant

has reached such an agreement.

The Massachusetts settlement, filed in Middlesex Superior Court, won preliminary approval from Superior Court Judge Judith Fabricant on Monday — the same day a judge in Arizona approved a similar settlement there that has a maximum value of \$104.6 million.

World

Terror suspect: A Moroccan terrorism suspect accused by Spanish authorities of being linked to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States has been arrested in Britain.

Farid Hilali, 35, appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court in London on Monday after a craft carrying its personnel crashed, killing 24 peacekeepers, aid workers and others killed in the incident.

Clashes in Riyadh: A shootout in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, on Wednesday killed two militants and one policeman, a security official said, adding that at least one militant fled the scene.

The official said the clash occurred in the open in the neighborhood of al-Waqar Street and police were hunting for a militant that fled the scene in a stolen car.

U.N. helicopter crash: The U.N. peace-keeping mission in Sierra Leone grounded some helicopters Wednesday, police said, after a craft carrying its personnel crashed, killing 24 peacekeepers, aid workers and others killed in the incident.

A radio channel for the 10,800-strong U.N. peace mission in Sierra Leone broadcast hymns and phoned-in expressions of sorrow for the victims, who died Tuesday when their U.N.-chartered Mi-8 slammed into a remote hill in the east.

The victims included 14 Pakistani peacekeepers, one Bangladeshi peacekeeper, three Russian crew and six civilians, including one local U.N. staffer, said Marie Okabe, a spokeswoman at U.N. headquarters in New York.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Correction

A caption for a photo on Tuesday of a memorial ceremony in Baghdad misidentified the soldiers unloading a plaque honoring 1st Armored Division task force members. They were Company Sgt. Maj. Michael Bush, left, the 1st Armored Division command sergeant major, and Spc. Romulo Escobedo, also with the 1st AD.

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Iraq has legal custody of Saddam

Former leader, 11 others to appear in court Thursday

By FISNIK ABRASHI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqis took legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 of his top lieutenants Wednesday, a first step toward the ousted dictator's expected trial for crimes against humanity.

In a one-line announcement, Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's office said the Iraqi government assumed legal — but not physical — control "today, 30th June, at 10.15 in the morning."

They are to appear in court Thursday for a reading of the charges.

Salem Chalabi, the director of

in Halabja, the slaughter of Shiites during a 1991 uprising in southern Iraq, the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, and the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

Chalabi said Saddam's appearance Thursday at the tribunal, in a courthouse with a prominent clock tower inside Baghdad's sealed-off Green Zone, is expected to be videotaped for public release.

The images would be the first of Saddam the public will have seen since his Dec. 13 capture by U.S. soldiers, when a clip showed the bushy-bearded leader opening his mouth for a dental examination.

The legal transfer means that Saddam and the others are no longer prisoners of war.

The Special Tribunal that will conduct the trials, said he met Saddam "earlier today to explain his rights and what will happen."

"The first step has happened," Chalabi told The Associated Press.

The defendants were informed individually of their rights, said an international official who spoke on condition of anonymity. An Iraqi judge witnessed the proceedings.

Saddam, who appeared to have lost weight in confinement, said "Good morning" as he entered the room, according to Chalabi.

After being informed that he was being placed under Iraqi jurisdiction, Saddam, who ruled Iraq for nearly 24 years with absolute authority, was ordered "to leave the room," Chalabi added.

The other defendants also were brought into the room individually to hear that they would appear in court Thursday, Chalabi said.

"Some of them looked very worried," Chalabi added.

Saddam will remain in a U.S.-controlled jail guarded by Americans until the Iraqis are ready to take physical custody of him. That is expected to take a long time.

However, the legal transfer means that Saddam and the others are no longer prisoners of war but are under rights under the Geneva Conventions — but criminal defendants whose treatment will be in accordance with Iraqi law. The change in status gives them the right to attorneys.

Chalabi said earlier that the trials of Saddam and other senior figures likely would not begin before 2005.

Le Paul Bremer, the former U.S. administrator, said he was confident that the Iraqis would handle the trials well.

Saddam "will get the kind of justice he denied his own people," Bremer told ABC's "Good Morning America."

The crimes against humanity for which Saddam is expected to be tried include the 1988 chemical weapons massacre of Kurds

The Saddam lieutenants who will also appear include Ali Hassan al-Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali"; former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan; former deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz; and two of Saddam's half brothers.

Already there are pretrial negotiations over permitting Saddam's foreign legal team to work in Iraq, whether to televise the proceedings, and whether to reinstate the death penalty, which Bremer suspended.

Mouwafak al-Rubaie, Iraq's new national security adviser, told Associated Press Television News that he hoped to broadcast the trial live on television so that the world would see "what Saddam has done to virtually every person, every individual in this country."

Iraqi officials insist Saddam and the others will get fair trials. Hamid al-Bayati, Iraq's prime minister and a leader of the main Shiite Muslim party, said there was "no chance at all" that Saddam might walk out a free man.

He noted that Saddam's victims are estimated in the hundreds of thousands or more.

But the trial could contribute to the upheaval in Iraq by polarizing Saddam's supporters and detractors, said Walid Mohammed al-Shibibi, a Baghdad attorney and editor of a legal journal.

A team of 20 foreign lawyers appointed by Saddam's wife, Sajida, might not be permitted to represent him because non-Iraqi lawyers — except Syrians and Palestinians — must get approval from the Iraqi Bar Association, said al-Shibibi.

The act of trying and representing Saddam involves personal risk. Already, lawyers working in Iraq's justice system have received death threats — and those involved in the Saddam trial will likely become particular targets.

Ziad al-Khasasneh, one of Saddam's would-be attorneys, said in



A U.S. Army soldier passes a defaced mosaic of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on Wednesday. Legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 others was transferred to the Iraqis on Wednesday, an international official said.

Amman, Jordan, that the defense team planned to go to Iraq but that Allawi's government had not said whether it would provide security.

"How can the defense team go

to a country where it doesn't enjoy any protection? They will kill us there," said an angry al-Khasasneh.

As much as 30 tons of documents and other evidence must

be culled. And then there are the potential witnesses, which could be said to include almost every Iraqi.

Associated Press writer Jim Krane contributed to this story.

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Letter from the Publisher

Dear Stars and Stripes Readers,

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Long time, no see



The American flag is raised Wednesday at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad for the first time in 13 years. The United States cut diplomatic ties with Iraq during the Gulf War in 1991.

Army installing VAOs to help in absentee voting

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — No matter how far troops are from home, they still can have a say in the upcoming election.

While some may think the forms will be endless and the procedure too confusing to vote by absentee ballot, unit voting assistance officers can make sure that isn't the case.

Army Maj. Perry Phillips oversees all VAOs for his unit, the 377th Theater Support Command. He said his unit, which has several thousand troops, tries to field about one VAO for every 50 soldiers.

"Lately we've been getting our units assigned with VAOs and getting them trained up," said Phillips, whose primary job is as judge advocate.

Once the VAOs are trained, they can help troops with anything related to voting, whether it's registering for the first time or finding the rules for the individual's home state.

"The VAOs all have a guidebook that has all the instructions state by state," Phillips said. "All the states are the same to some degree, but they do have some differences."

Each VAO also is stocked with absentee ballot request forms. Phillips said once the form is filled out, it goes to the person's county registrar. The ballot then is mailed directly to the individual.

Phillips said at no time are statistics kept on who votes, registers, or what party the voter is affiliated with. And he said officials don't judge the success of the program by the number of voters.

"The goal is to give every soldier the opportunity to cast a ballot in the election ... if they want to do it," Phillips said.

While Phillips said his VAOs won't really hit the voter campaign trail hard until the beginning of July, Army Lt. Col. Glennda Guillery, who is in charge of the program for the 375th Transportation Group, is halfway home.

"So far, 50 percent of the unit is aware of the form and where to get the information," said Guillery of the more than 4,000 unit members. She said while she can't track how many vote, she can make sure the VAOs are getting the word out. She has each VAO submit a monthly report detailing what they have done to

make soldiers aware of the procedure.

Army Sgt. Jennifer D. Payne assists Guillery in tracking the program. She said troops need to know they can make a difference.

"We want everyone to know that they have a voice that needs to be heard," she said. "Just because they're here doesn't mean their vote doesn't count."

Payne said the 375th also spreads voting information through newsletters and e-mails. Phillips said potential voters can find out who their units' voting representative is by visiting the local post office. He said lists will be published in each facility to help direct voters.

For those who don't receive an absentee ballot in time, Phillips said the VAOs will be equipped with the next form voters will have to fill out, the federal write-in absentee ballot.

Guillery said another way for servicemembers to gather voting information is through the Web site www.fvap.army.mil.

The deadlines for absentee balloting in the Middle East are Aug. 15 for requests and Oct. 11 for mailing them back.

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IRR call-ups start Tuesday; most to be sent overseas

BY LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army will begin involuntary mobilizations of the Individual Ready Reserve on Tuesday, tapping 5,600 individuals to fill slots in units bound for Iraq or Afghanistan.

Army officials said Wednesday. The Army's Individual Ready Reserve, or IRR, is a pool of more than 111,000 soldiers who have left active duty or active reserve service, but still have time left on their obligation.

Up to 5,600 IRR soldiers from all over the United States will get a warning mailgram starting next week, followed within days by formal activation orders that give the individual 30 days to report to his or her mobilization station, Robert Smiley told Pentagon reporters Wednesday.

Smiley, who is principal assistant for training, readiness and mobilization in the Army's Office of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, said the Army is working to fill 4,402 spaces in units bound for the third rotation to Iraq (Op-

eration Iraqi Freedom 3) and the sixth rotation to Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom 6), both of which are due to start later this summer.

The IRR soldiers will spend about 30 days at a basic training site, where their basic soldiering skills will undergo evaluation and training will be supplied to fill shortfalls, Smiley said.

From there, the soldiers will be sent to their new units for unit training before the deployment begins.

A few IRR soldiers will remain in the United States, Smiley said, but most will go to Iraq or Afghanistan.

The IRR soldiers, like other soldiers, will not be required to spend more than one year in Iraq or Afghanistan once deployed, although the Army cannot guarantee that the "12-month boots on the ground" policy will not be modified to meet mission requirements, as has happened with many units serving in OIF 2.

The tapped soldiers principally include "transporters, drivers, mechanics, combat engineers, lo-

Facts about the involuntary IRR call-up

How many people will be called?

5,600

How many slots is the Army trying to fill?

4,402

Why the extra mobilizations?

For each slot, the Army needs to call up 1.3 soldiers, because some will not make the cut for medical or personal reasons.

When will they be notified?

They will be alerted beginning July 6; formal orders will follow within days.

When will they report?

Thirty days after receiving formal activation orders.

How long can they be mobilized?

Up to 24 months, although orders will be for 18 months.

Where will they go?

Most will go to Iraq or Afghanistan; a few will remain in the United States.

When do their salaries and benefits start?

The day they report to their mobilization station.

How many IRR soldiers have already been mobilized?

541; of those, 324 are on active duty, and 217 are awaiting training.

Source: U.S. Army

gistics and supply folks," according to Raymond Robinson Jr., chief of operations for the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

None of the soldiers called up will have been deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan within the previous 12 months — anyone whose record reflects such a deployment is exempt, according to

Army Col. Debra Cook, commander of the Army's Human Resources Command in St. Louis.

However, Army officials could not guarantee that none of the augmentees have served in either theater post-Sept. 11, 2001, although Army officials tried to avoid calling such members again, said Cook, who spoke during the Pentagon news confer-

ence.

"The records [of the IRR soldiers considered for the call-up] have been reviewed on a case-by-case basis," Cook said.

This summer's IRR mobilization is not a one-time event, the Army officials said, the mobilizations will continue as the Army continues to rotate troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We expect to call some more" not only for OIF4 and OEFT, but also some call-ups in addition to the 5,600 for OIF3, Smiley said.

Pressed on how many additional IRR mobilizations the future might hold, Smiley said, "We simply don't know."

When asked if numbers could be in the thousands, he replied, "Yes."

The IRR mobilizations provided ammunition for politicians like Sen. Carl Levin, ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who have said that the Army is overstretched by its obligations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The mobilization "shows how heavy a stress the Army is under," Levin, a Democrat from Michigan, said in a Wednesday telephone interview organized by Sen. John Kerry's campaign. "The active Army is too small."

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Reel fun in Kuwait

MWR offers fishing trips for deployed troops

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Soldiers from the 501st Forward Support Battalion's Company B probably heard Spc. David Shier's story of how he went fishing and nearly landed a 3½-foot shark.

He fought the mini-monster, walking it more than 100 feet down a pier to stay with it, but as he began to pull it out of the water, with one powerful clamp of its jaws, the king of the ocean snapped the line and swam away.

While some may say Shier's story is nothing more than a big fish story, some believe the tale — which is true. But the adventure didn't take place years ago aboard the SS Minnow; it happened this past weekend as Shier and fellow troops from Camp Arifjan went on a fishing trip at a local pier.

The 377th Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers four trips a week. All expeditions are on a first-come, first-served basis and up to 20 people can go, according to Army Staff Sgt. Dwayne Albright, from the 377th MWR.

Shier and Sgt. Donnie Boe, also with the 501st FSB, have gone fishing five times. They both said it had been several years since they were able to cast a line.

“Only thing I'm fishing for is a mermaid. Everything else, I'm throwing back.”

Sgt. Tom Banks
Army National Guard's
1244th Transportation
Company

“This is enjoyable,” Boe said as he watched for bites on one of his two poles. “It definitely helps break up the monotony.”

Boe said the biggest fish he has caught on one of the trips was about 1½ pounds, but he wasn't sure what kind it was.

Albright said the Kuwaitis who work on the pier are helpful when it comes to identifying fish. He said the weirdest thing he's seen reeled in was a strange-looking fish that the locals told him not to touch because it's poisonous. He said in addition to the unknown sea life, he's seen lots of stingrays and small sharks on hooks.

Sgt. Joe Jackson, from the Army National Guard's 1244th Transportation Company, pulled

in the strangest catch of the day during a recent trip. At first he thought his line was snagged, but it turns out there was a heavy object on it.

“What's that? A pickle,” Jackson cried out as he pulled his hook out the water. He landed what looked like some type of sea cucumber.

Fellow soldier Sgt. Tom Banks, also from the 1244th, said he wasn't there to catch fish.

“Only thing I'm fishing for is a mermaid,” joked Banks. “Everything else, I'm throwing back.”

Banks actually had the first catch of the day — a 6-inch sea bass or some type of catfish, he said. Since it wasn't a mermaid, Banks did as promised and threw it back.

All fishing here through the MWR is catch and release, said Albright.

To be able to take troops out for a day of fishing, Army Staff Sgt. Eric Robinson, head enlisted man in the 377th MWR here, said they have relied on donations. He said the MWR staff in the rear worked hard to get a sports company to donate all the reels and rods. MWR picks up the tab for all the tackle and bait.

“We just try to make sure the soldiers are having a good time,” Robinson said.

In the future, boat trips may be



FRED ZIMMERMAN/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Joe Jackson makes his first cast of the day off a Kuwaiti pier during a recent fishing trip provided by the 377th Morale, Welfare and Recreation. MWR supplied all items — poles, tackle and bait.

available for anglers, Robinson said. But because of safety concerns and security issues, he said that idea is being thoroughly reviewed.

Those interested in the trip can sign up by visiting the MWR office in Building 508 in Zone II.

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Family and friends memorialize former soldier killed in Iraq

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

To those who knew him, Rex G. Sprague III was one of those people you could always, always count on.

Friends and family members recall the former soldier as being dependable, calm and resourceful. And that was just the start.

“He always had a solution for things,” said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Bihler of Stuttgart, Germany. “He never got spun-up about stuff.”

On June 14, Iraqi insurgents shot and killed Sprague, 39, in an ambush near the city of Karbala in central Iraq. He was working as a contractor with Titan Corp. at the time.

Bihler, who knew Sprague for five years, said three other men in the vehicle escaped serious injury because Sprague, who was driving, had the presence of mind to keep his vehicle moving until it cleared the flash point.

Another occupant of the vehicle drove the rest of the way, but Sprague's injuries were too severe, and he died shortly thereafter.

Friends and family members planned to gather Thursday for a

2 p.m. funeral service at the cemetery in Schanbakh, a small village east of Stuttgart, where Sprague lived with his wife, Natascha.

Sprague retired from the Army in December after 20 years of service. In January, he went to work for Titan, a San Diego company that provides information and communication products and services to the Defense Department and other government agencies. The company has a contract with the Army to provide linguist support in Iraq.

While on active duty, Sprague was assigned to the 95th Military Police Battalion and the 554th Military Police Company, Bihler said. He also saw duty in the Balkans.

In addition, Sprague, who went to high school in Brewer, Maine, was a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, according to the Bangor Daily News.

“He was always trying to do good,” Sprague's sister Petra Lewis, 40, said in an interview with the paper. “He loved his country, I know that. He put other people before himself, but I guess that's obvious.”

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Mortar attack on U.S. base injures 11 GIs

Marine seen in militants' tape is reclassified as 'captured'

BY TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents fired at least 10 mortar rounds at a U.S. base on the outskirts of Baghdad International Airport on Wednesday, wounding 11 soldiers, two of them seriously, and starting a fire that burned for well over an hour.

That attack, along with a car bomb that exploded outside a police headquarters in Samawah, were yet more evidence that insurgents have no plans of letting up their attacks even after the U.S. coalition authorities handed over sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government Monday.

Despite the end of the occupation, about 160,000 foreign troops — most of them Americans — remain in Iraq to provide security and train Iraq's new security services. American officials have warned that the transfer of sovereignty would not stop assaults.

Guerrillas struck the logistics base on the edge of Baghdad's airport at about 8:15 a.m., said Lt. Col. Richard Rael, their commander. The base is operated by The New Mexico Army National Guard's 515 Corps Support Battalion.

"We're OK," Rael said. "We'll get back to business as usual."

A pall of black smoke hung over the airport for an hour after one of the 82 mm mortar rounds struck a petroleum products yard.

There were no injuries from the fire.

The base has been subject to almost daily mortar attacks, but this was the first time the attacks caused significant casualties and damage.



An Iraqi policeman climbs into the back of a damaged police truck in central Baghdad after an explosion Wednesday. No injuries were reported in the blast, but a separate car bombing in Samawah injured two people. Elsewhere, a mortar attack on a U.S. base wounded 11 U.S. soldiers, two seriously.

Two people were wounded in the car bombing in Samawah, which set two other vehicles ablaze, a hospital official said.

Meanwhile, the United States was still looking for U.S. Marine Cpl. Waseef Ali Hassoun. On Tuesday, his status was changed from "missing" to "captured."

An insurgent group has claimed the kidnapping of Hassoun and has threatened to behead him unless Iraqi prisoners are released.

Hassoun was shown blindfolded with a sword brandished over his head in a video aired on Al-Jazeera television.

Hassoun, of Lebanese descent, was last seen about a week before the videotape was broadcast Sunday, the military said.

"The circumstances surrounding the Marine's absence initially indicated that he was missing," a statement by the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force said. "However, in light of what we have observed on the terrorists' video, we have classified him as captured."

The New York Times, citing a Marine officer who spoke on the condition of anonymity, reported Wednesday that Hassoun had been traumatized after seeing one of his sergeants killed by a mortar,

and was trying to make his way back to Lebanon. The officer told the paper that Hassoun sought the help of Iraqis on the base, was betrayed by them, and was handed over to the extremists.

Hassoun's eldest brother, Mohammad, who lives in a Salt Lake City suburb, denied the report.

"To me it has no foundation. It's all wrong," Mohammad Hassoun said Tuesday night.

In Baghdad, a senior U.S. military official said Hassoun was missed after he failed to report for duty on June 20.

"It is highly unlikely that he was taken," the official said, on

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 853 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 632 died as a result of hostile action and 221 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 715 U.S. servicemembers have died — 523 as a result of hostile action and 192 of nonhostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A roadside bomb struck a military convoy in southeast Baghdad on Tuesday, killing three U.S. Marines.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No new identifications reported.

the condition of anonymity. "We are investigating all possible circumstances that could have led to his failure to report for duty."

Capt. Amy Malugini, spokeswoman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, declined to comment on the report Tuesday. She also would not say what steps the Marines were taking to rescue Hassoun.

Army investigating 2 more prisoner deaths in Iraq

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army has reopened investigations into two prisoner deaths in Iraq that had previously been attributed to natural causes, an official with the service said.

New information led investigators to question the causes of the deaths, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The Army's Criminal Investigation Command will make a final determination whether either death should be reclassified as a homicide, the official said.

The official had no specifics on either death.

Last month, Army officials said medical investigators had attributed the deaths of 15 prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan to natural causes. That figure may have changed, but officials have declined to provide updated numbers.

At least 19 more prisoner deaths in the two war zones had been investigated as homicides by the military. Eight of those were determined to be justified killings of an escaping or dangerously violent prisoner.

So far, military officials have refused to provide a comprehensive list of the incidents of alleged prisoner abuse or homicide that they are investigating. The following list of 11 additional prisoner deaths was pieced together from a number of military sources.

IRAQ:

■ April 28, 2004: Fahin Ali Gumaa, 44, died several days after receiving multiple gunshot wounds in Baghdad. The circumstances of his shooting are unclear.

■ Jan. 9, 2004: Abdul Jaleel, 46, held at Forward Operating Base Rifles near Al Asad, Iraq, died of "blunt force injuries and asphyxia." His death is under investigation.

■ Nov. 26, 2003: Maj. Gen. Abed Hamed Mowhoush, a former commander of Saddam Hussein's air defenses, died during interrogation at Qaim, Iraq. His death may have involved a CIA officer who is an interrogator. Doctors attributed his death to "asphyxia due to smothering and chest compression." His death is under investigation.

■ Nov. 4, 2003: Mandel Al-Jamadi, who was being held at Abu Ghraib, the Iraqi prison in which the well-known abuse of

prisoners took place, died of "blunt force injuries complicated by compromised respiration," doctors said. Two CIA personnel, an officer and a contract translator, were present when he died. The agency and the Justice Department are investigating.

■ September 2003: A soldier shot and killed a prisoner in Iraq who threw rocks at him. The soldier was punished and dismissed from the Army for using excessive force.

■ June 13, 2003: Dilar Dababa, who was being held near Baghdad, died of what doctors determined was a head injury. Doctors determined his death was a homicide, but no more information has been provided.

■ June 6, 2003: Prisoner Nagem Sadoon Hatab, a Baath Party member, died of strangulation after a Marine grabbed him by the neck at a holding facility near Nasiriyah. Investigators determined his death was accidental, but several Marines were charged in connection with his treatment.

AFGHANISTAN:

■ Nov. 6, 2003: Abdul Wahid, an Afghan, died of multiple blunt force injuries, which were complicated by a muscle condition,

while in U.S. custody in Helmand province in southwestern Afghanistan.

Army spokesmen said Wahid suffered those injuries before he was turned over to U.S. forces by Afghan militiamen. He died a few hours later. The case remains under investigation.

■ Dec. 10, 2002: Abdul Wali, an Afghan prisoner at Asadabad, Afghanistan, died three days after turning himself in to U.S. authorities. A contractor for the CIA, 38-year-old David A. Passaro of Lillington, N.C., has been charged with two counts each of assault and assault with a dangerous weapon — a flashlight — in connection with his death.

■ Dec. 10, 2002: An Afghan listed only as Diliwar, 22, died while being held at Bagram air base. Doctors attributed his death to "blunt force injuries to lower extremities complicating coronary artery dissection." His death remains under investigation.

■ Dec. 20, 2002: Mullah Habibullah, about 28, an Afghan also held at Bagram, died of "pulmonary embolism due to blunt force injuries to the leg," according to his doctors. His death also remains under investigation.

Maupin family's privacy protected

BY LISA CORNWELL
The Associated Press

BATAVIA, Ohio — As neighbors await word on the fate of a hometown soldier taken hostage in Iraq, they cluster around the family of Spc. Keith M. Maupin, guarding against the inquiries of persistent journalists.

Even with reports that Maupin might have been slain by his captors, many in this village east of Cincinnati are refraining from talking about Maupin or his family with the media.

"It's just a small, close-knit community," said Donna Marshall, 45, sitting Tuesday in a park where residents set up an electric light for Maupin that always is kept on. "I think everyone just wants the family to be left alone."

Maupin was captured April 9 west of Baghdad, Arab television network Al-Jazeera reported Monday that insurgents holding the 20-year-old soldier fatally shot him. The Army has not confirmed the report.

Journalists receive a cool reception throughout Batavia. At least a half-dozen people declined interviews Tuesday in the village's business district.

On Monday, a woman showed up to place a small American flag and a yellow ribbon on a fence near the high school where



THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/AP

Media outlets covering reaction to reports of the murder of Army Spc. Keith M. Maupin in Iraq descend on Maj. Mark Magalski on Tuesday near Batavia, Ohio. Magalski is talking about Maupin's situation, but few townspeople care. A woman placed an American flag and a yellow ribbon near Maupin's high school Monday, but didn't want to be interviewed. "If you're with the news, I don't want to talk to you," she said.

Maupin graduated in 2001. She politely declined an interview.

"If you're with the news, I don't want to talk to you," she said. After the Al-Jazeera report aired, some people shouted at reporters who gathered Monday night near the home of Maupin's mother, Carolyn.

Former Mayor Bob Handra didn't expect anything different. "It doesn't surprise me a bit that they are doing this and have come

together around the family. That's the way we do things here," he said.

The Maupin family is refraining from public comment until military investigators learn more, said Maj. Mark Magalski, an Army officer assigned since April to support the family.

"People feel they can help support the family by protecting their privacy and not talking about it," said Stephanie Heckler, 23,

Hostage's faith key for Muslims

BY NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Debate raged on Islamic Web sites about the propriety of killing fellow Muslims who work for coalition forces in Iraq, after militants released three Turkish hostages they had threatened to behead.

The Tawhid and Jihad movement of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi announced Saturday it would kill the three Turks within 72 hours unless Turkish companies stopped doing business with American forces in Iraq.

On Tuesday, however, the movement released them "for the sake of Muslim brothers and mujahideen in Turkey," according to a statement broadcast on Al-Jazeera television.

That contrast starkly to the treatment of several non-Muslims recently. Al-Zarqawi's movement claimed responsibility for the beheading of Kim Sun-il, a South Korean who worked for a company delivering supplies to American forces, and Nicholas Berg, an American businessman. Al-Qaida-linked militants in Saudi Arabia decapitated American engineer Paul M. Johnson Jr. and posted pictures of his severed head on the Internet.

Most people who post messages on several Islamic Web sites known for their extremist bent believe those are justified. But with-

er it is proper to kill Muslims taken captive because of their links to the U.S. military is a hot topic.

Opinions are mixed. Some people urged the kidnappers to spare the Turks because they were "few Muslims." Others urged militants to decapitate them.

"Turkish Muslims should be the first to demand that those hypocrites be beheaded, as they are allied with the devil," meaning the Americans, one person wrote on a Web site that has published al-Zarqawi statements and claims of responsibility for other killings.

Another contributor said he supported the decapitation of hostages — but not Muslim ones.

"Slaughtering is something you started with the infidel Crusaders and their allies, and we hope you won't deviate from that path," he wrote. But "they're Muslims, so don't kill them... as long as they didn't cause direct harm."

The practice of publicizing such killings appears aimed at increasing the shock value of the militant campaign against Westerners, especially Americans.

Among those believed held hostage and facing possible death are U.S. Marine Col. Wassef Ali Hassoun, a Muslim of Lebanese origin, and Amjad Hashim, a Pakistani driver. On Tuesday, Al-Jazeera reported that militants killed Spc. Keith M. Maupin, 20, with a single bullet to the head (see story at left).

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U.S. to look for Iraq war allies in base shifts

Lawmaker says coalition members likely to benefit from restructuring

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — When the United States begins restructuring military forces worldwide, allies that supported the war in Iraq will see the benefit of their loyalty, a U.S. congressman said Wednesday.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said countries such as Poland, which has sent troops to serve in Iraq, will be remembered in any basing strategy in Eastern Europe.

"You tend to rely more on a neighbor or friend who has a history of reliability when you have to make financial commitments than one that hasn't," Hunter, R-Calif., said during a stop at Ramstein.

Hunter was referring to a Pentagon plan to restructure its forces, including a possible shift in overseas-based troops to Eastern Europe, Africa and the United States.

Echoing earlier Pentagon slams against "Old Europe," Hunter said lack of support for the Iraq campaign from countries such as Germany also will be remembered.

"I think it's healthy for nations to know that there are consequences of their actions," Hunter said.

Polish forces have long cooperated with the United States, in-

cluding sending forces to Kosovo and hosting major U.S. Army exercises in their country. Poland now leads a multinational division in south-central Iraq.

"The fact that they've stepped forward and their soldiers are sacrificing in Iraq is very important to us," Hunter said. "That's the strongest [indication] of a reliable ally."

Hunter and fellow committee members Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, and Ken Calvert, R-Calif., returned Tuesday from a two-day trip to Iraq. They planned to visit wounded soldiers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on Wednesday before returning to the United States.

In order to streamline its forces and be better positioned to respond to global military needs, the Pentagon is considering a number of changes in its global "footprint." Among the proposals is the withdrawal of the 1st Infantry and the 1st Armored divisions from Germany, according to news reports. Other plans may include relocating F-16s based at Spangdahlem, Germany, to Turkey and moving F-15s in England.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is to present specific details of the force structure changes to the Armed Services Committee in the next few weeks, said Raymond DuBois Jr., deputy undersecretary of defense for installation environment. DuBois traveled with the congressman to Iraq and Germany.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

A Spangdahlem, Germany-based F-16 from the 52nd Fighter Wing rolls down a runway after returning from duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom in May 2003. The Department of Defense is looking at shifting some forces in Europe, which might include bases such as Spangdahlem.

DuBois wouldn't discuss the details of the new "global footprint," except to say that the 60-year-old Cold War structure has to be re-aligned.

DuBois did confirm that Ramstein, a key airlift hub for troops and supplies in Europe and the Middle East, will remain, as will nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, which treats wounded and ill troops in the same region.

"Ramstein is an enduring base. So is Landstuhl," DuBois said.

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GAO report faults military's oversight of contaminants

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A congressional report released Tuesday found that the military is not taking steps to clean up areas where high levels of the hazardous chemical perchlorate have been found.

The report, by the General Accounting Office, criticized the military for lacking a comprehensive policy for testing and cleaning up perchlorate, a component of fuel used in munitions and rockets, and 19 other chemicals associated with munitions that present serious public health risks.

Perchlorate has infiltrated drinking-water supplies in Cali-

fornia and other states. The chemical can affect the thyroid gland's production of hormones that are critical to early childhood development.

The GAO report said the military uses 90 percent of the perchlorate produced in the United States. The report was released as the military is seeking exemptions from the hazardous-waste laws that give states and the federal government leverage to force the cleanup of chemicals that present significant public health risks.

Defense Department officials rejected the GAO's assessments and defended the Pentagon's environmental record.

"The report represents an invalid characterization of the department's environmental efforts at operational ranges," Alex A. Beeher, an assistant deputy undersecretary of Defense, said in a letter responding to the report.

Specifically, the Pentagon has made efforts to address contaminants from munitions at 23 facilities, Beeher said.

The GAO visited seven military installations as part of its investigation, including Edwards Air Force Base near Los Angeles and the Naval Air Weapons Station at China Lake, Calif. At six of the bases, large amounts of perchlorate had been detected, but no cleanup efforts were under way.

soliders were alleged to have joined him in the assault.

Military prosecutors noted that the victim's cell phone had been found in Jones' room, said Maj. William Smoot, the division's chief of criminal law. And one of the other two soldiers testified against him.

But the panel acquitted him after the alleged victim could not identify Jones as his assailant, and witnesses said he was wearing a different color shirt than the alleged attacker, Smoot said.

From staff reports

Hohenfels soldier acquitted

A court-martial panel in Vilseck, Germany, acquitted a Hohenfels-based soldier Wednesday of charges he beat up a German civilian and stole a bar last October and stole the man's cell phone.

According to the office of the 1st Infantry Division's staff judge advocate, Spc. Maurice Jones, 21, of the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, had been accused of larceny, assault and receiving stolen property in connection with the Oct. 11 incident near the Qu Club in Regensburg. Two other

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Rota's power plant gets funds for safety

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER
Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — Working at the base power plant has been a noisy and hazardous job for years.

Between 50 and 70 employees — some of them retired now — have been diagnosed with noise-induced hearing loss.

Since the naval station's tight budget can't pay for the expensive, noise-reducing fixes, a little-known Navy program will.

The Navy's Mishap Prevention and Hazard Abatement Program will spend \$470,000 to reduce the noise at the plant and fix several other safety hazards at the base in southern Spain.

The program spends about \$12 million at Navy bases worldwide to minimize safety hazards that money-strapped commanders often do not have the funds to repair.

The program will dish out about \$1 million to Navy bases in Europe, according to Lance Laughmiller, the Navy's Hazard Abatement Program manager. The money will be spent on such things as an insulated roof to better control shop temperatures and ergonomically designed mop buckets for custodians.

The money comes at a time when many base commanders are dealing with smaller budgets because of war costs and plans to modernize the fleet.

In Rota, Dave Hipakka, Kevin Dyrda and Miguel Garcia with the hospital's Industrial Hygiene Department have pushed to get

money from the Naval Facilities Command, which oversees the hazard abatement program.

They helped get the approval for a \$275,000 computerized system that will allow power plant workers to check gauges for electrical generators, converters, steam boilers and pump stations from a terminal in a quieter room.

"It's a pretty extreme work environment down there," Hipakka said.

The money spent on the new system not only improves safety, but also it is expected to save money in the long run. The Navy has spent \$1.5 million in compensation to plant employees, according to a request for the project.

Other projects approved:

■ A new, \$85,000 centralized compressed air system that will reduce interior noise.

■ A \$100,000 roof that will replace deteriorated asbestos tiles.

■ An additional \$10,000 for ergonomically designed mop buckets, mop handles and equipment carts to reduce custodians' back injuries. In the past decade, the hospital's Industrial Hygiene Department has brought \$1.2 million to the base to improve safety shortfalls. The department routinely reviews working conditions and suggests ways commands can improve.

"Nobody is really against making the workplace safer, but if they've undergone the budget cuts we've seen just this year, where they've cut [Morale, Welfare and Recreation] pretty good, they simply can't do it," Hipakka said.

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Reward offered for info on missing \$1.6 million

BY JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

Naval Criminal Investigative Service officials are offering rewards for information in the theft Feb. 18 of a box containing \$1.6 million from Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily.

Reward amounts will depend on the type of the information and its usefulness in the recovery of the money or prosecution of anyone involved.

Signella NCIS officials said that identities of informants will be kept confidential.

Signella agents are investigating the case, and other unnamed "U.S. federal law enforcement agencies" are assisting officials said in a written response to Stars and Stripes.

The morning after the theft, Naples-based NCIS agents interviewed the Navy's regional postal officials there. Local Sicilian law enforcement agencies also have been notified.

The money was discovered missing by base Air Cargo Division personnel when they tried to move it from a security cage to an Air Force cargo airplane for shipment.

The Heidelberg, Germany-based 266th Finance Command boxed and sent the money by registered mail to the Navy's Auxiliary Support Unit in Bahrain. The 38-pound box of \$100 bills was to be flown from Ramstein Air Base to Bahrain via Sigonella.

The package was received, signed for and added to an air cargo inventory list in Sigonella on Feb. 11, according to information from base and NCIS officials.

All registered items receive special treatment, officials wrote, which includes "hand-to-hand" accountability, and signatures of those receiving and turning over packages.

When not locked in the cage, or on an aircraft,

the packages are escorted or in someone's possession. Items in the security cage also are inventoried on a regular basis.

The money had been accounted for earlier on the day of its disappearance.

Officials wrote in response to questions that access to the package was limited to "approximately 15" U.S. military personnel assigned to the Air Force Division.

The person, or people, who took the package had "a good idea it was a box of money," officials wrote. There was "no way for someone to determine the amount of money in the box" because "every money registered mail piece looks [and weighs] exactly the same," they wrote.

There were no other registered packages or regular mail missing from the cage at the time.

They added that because of the accountability procedures for registered mail "even if it was planned in advance the opportunity still had to present itself."

Registered packages, including the missing \$1.6 million, are normally not insured, officials wrote, as it was sent from one government organization to another by the government-run U.S. mail.

Officials say that more information may be released in the future.

"The purpose of releasing this information is to make the public aware of the missing money," the officials wrote. "There may be [an] individual [or people] who have some knowledge of the incident but are not aware of the significance of what they may know."

Anyone with information, or who may know someone with information, is asked to call Special Agent Jeff Grant at DSN 624-9210 or commercial (+39) 095-86-9210.

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AAFES pursuing prints of film 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

BY PATRICK DICKSON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — AAFES won't let a little controversy get in the way of acquiring copies of Michael Moore's new documentary, "Fahrenheit 9/11," a spokesman said Monday.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is pursuing prints through one of the film's distributors, Lions Gate Films, said Judd Anstey, a spokesman at AAFES headquarters in Dallas.

Whether AAFES pursues a movie depends entirely on its popularity in the United States.

"AAFES" motion picture policy is to screen films that are popular in the private sector, "AAFES Vice President of Food and Theater Richard Sheff responded via e-mail. "AAFES" position will not change based on a single feature. If Fahrenheit 9/11 proves popular in the private sector and prints are available, the movie will be shown."

"Fahrenheit 9/11" was No. 1 at the weekend's U.S. box office, earning \$23.9 million, a record debut for a documentary film.

It was the first time a nonfiction film opened at the top of the box office.



Director Michael Moore greets moviegoers seeing his film "Fahrenheit 9/11" on Sunday in New York. AAFES is trying to acquire copies of the film to show in its theaters.

Anstey noted that it "was a very soft weekend," for ticket sales as no blockbusters were released. He said it would be instructive to see how the film fares on its second weekend, with the release of "Spiderman 2" competing with it.

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Where to go to have a blast for the Fourth

Stars and Stripes

The July Fourth holiday will be celebrated in American communities across Europe with picnics, games and fireworks, with some events getting a jump on the weekend by starting on Thursday.

One of the bigger celebrations will be Freedom Fest 2004 at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Starting at noon Friday and ending with a musical show after a July 4 fireworks display Sunday, the fest has a full slate of games, music, food and carnival rides.

Events take place at the Southside Fitness Center track and field and in the bowling center parking lot.

For those who live farther east in Germany, Spangdahlem Air Base is hosting its annual BASH — its Big Annual Summer Happening — Friday to Monday. The BASH will take place at the French Kaserne at Bitburg.

Also, from noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday the International BASH Bazaar will be inside the Bitburg gym next to the beverage tent. The bazaar features dozens of vendors selling everything from carpets to glassware.

Following is a sampling of events at other communities:

England

■ **RAF Feltwell:** Community celebration from 10 a.m. to midnight Friday, 1-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 1-11 p.m. Monday at Shipton Training Area. Fireworks at 10 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Ansbach:** German American Volkfest, 5-11 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 1-11 p.m. Monday at Shipton Training Area. Fireworks at 10 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Babenhausen:** Community party begins at 6 p.m. Sunday on Babenhausen Casern. Activities include music, face painting and games. Fireworks at dusk.

■ **Bamberg:** Community barbecue and fair at Friendship Park,



Command Sgt. Maj. William Brown of the 14th Transportation Battalion gives his all during his contribution to the entertainment contest at Festa Americana in Vicenza, Italy, last year.



Photos courtesy of the U.S. Army

A happy customer eats cotton candy, a carnival tradition, during 2003's Festa Americana in Vicenza, Italy.

Warner Barracks, beginning 11 a.m. Sunday. Fireworks at 10 p.m.

■ **Baumholder:** Celebration from 11 a.m. until midnight at Hall of Champions parking lot on main base. Events include Harley-Davidson motorcycle rally at 3 p.m., pie-eating contest at 4:15 p.m., "Fear Factor" contest at 5:20 p.m. and fireworks at 10:30 p.m., followed by performance by the band All That. Other bands will perform throughout the day.

■ **Darmstadt:** Activities begin at 6 p.m. Sunday in Lincoln Village housing area, including music, face painting and games. Fireworks at dusk.

■ **Giessen (including Friedberg, Butzbach and Bad Nauheim):** Community celebration in Butzbach housing area, Roman Way Village. A German-American fest/picnic starts at 6 p.m. and continues until shortly before midnight. Music by Frankfurt variety band. Fireworks around 10 p.m.

■ **Hannau (including Bidingen and Gelnhausen):** Two-day community celebration begins Sunday with fun run at 11 a.m., and boxing tournament, starting at 6 p.m. On Sunday, a two-pitch softball tournament begins at 10 a.m., and a community festival starts at 3 p.m. in the 4th Brigade headquarters parking lot on Fliegerhorst Casern. Fireworks around 10:30 p.m. The nearby Gelnhausen airport will hold a small airshow, including a parachute drop and static display with planes from World Wars I and II.

■ **Heidelberg:** Festivities, including arts and crafts show, music and martial arts demonstrations, begin at 4 p.m. Sunday in Patrick Henry Village. Fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

■ **Kaiserslautern:** Freedom Fest 2004 at Ramstein Air Base, beginning at noon Friday and continuing through fireworks on Sunday.

■ **Mannheim:** Community celebration 2 p.m. to midnight in Benjamin Franklin Village. Mannheim Summer Fest closing activities include live music, karaoke and rides. Fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

■ **Rhein-Main:** Celebration 3-9 p.m. Friday at Rhein-Main Air Base Gateway Gardens housing area. Activities include bicycle rally and parade, carnival games, apple pie-eating contest and fun run.

■ **Spangdahlem:** 48th annual BASH Friday through Monday at the French Kaserne in Bitburg from 6-10 p.m. Friday, noon to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, noon to 11 p.m. Sunday and noon to 11 p.m. Monday. International BASH Bazaar is noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday inside Bitburg gym.

■ **Stuttgart:** Four-day All-American Fourth of July celebration on Robinson Barracks begins at 6 p.m. Thursday and continues through Sunday. Events start at noon other three days; Sunday is family day with all carnival rides half-price. Highlights include: keg-tapping ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday; "Kids Idol" competition for youth 18 and younger, noon to 3 p.m. Friday; flea market 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Wiesbaden:** Celebration begins with Patriotic Paws and Pals SK Run Run/Walk at 10 a.m. Saturday at Gen. H.H. Arnold High School parking lot. Community fest at Wiesbaden Army Airfield begins 4 p.m. Sunday and features carnival rides, children's activities, live music, food booths and exhibits. Galaxy football cheerleaders perform at 8 p.m., with fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Free shuttle bus service from all housing areas, including American Arms Hotel and Dexheim Anderson Barracks.

■ **Würzburg:** Events at Leight-



Children go for a ride on the bumper cars at the carnival during 2003's Festa Americana at Caserma Ederle.

on Barracks are 3-11 p.m. Sunday with fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

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Italy

■ **Aviano:** Community celebration at Aviano Air Base on Saturday and Sunday, including softball and football games during day and concerts at night. Carnival rides, food booths and crafts open noon to midnight. Fireworks 10:20 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Vicenza:** Activities for Festa Americana at Caserma Ederle start Thursday and continue through Sunday, with Thursday's events limited to ID card holders. Activities for children start at 4 p.m. and run through midnight. Live music starting at 6 p.m. Base is open to public from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday through Sunday. Fireworks at 10 p.m. Friday. A giant screen television will be set up Sunday night to show European Cup soccer.

Netherlands

■ **Schinnen:** Two-day celebration begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with SK fun run, followed by opening of amusement rides at 1 p.m. and adult and youth karaoke, food, live music and bowling tournament. Sunday activities start at 1 p.m. and culminate around 10:45 p.m. with fireworks. Also, three-day bazaar runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Open to U.S. and NATO ID cardholders as well as Dutch Ministry of Defense civilian employees assigned to the 254th BSB and their guests. Shuttle service from

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■ **Lajes Field, Azores:** On Sunday, festivities begin with disc jockey music, games, food booths at 5 p.m. Music continues with an Air Force jazz group performing from 7-7:45 p.m. and 8:25-9:30 p.m. Fireworks are slated for 10:45 p.m.

Spain

■ **Morón:** On Sunday, festivities begin with a softball game, car show and barbecue at 5 p.m. There will be a social and karaoke from 9:30 to 11 p.m. at the club. Fireworks will be at 11 p.m.

■ **Rota:** Independence Day Freedom Fest will be Friday at Port Park, beginning with 4K on the 4th run at 3:30 p.m., followed by a parade at 4, entertainment, games and activities beginning at 5:30 and fireworks at 11.

Turkey

■ **Incirlik:** Independence Day celebration will be Friday and will include a fun run, games for kids and food booths opening on the air base at 3 p.m. A Turkish cultural dance performance is set for 5 p.m., followed by a jazz concert and fireworks at 9 p.m.

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Anthrax, smallpox inoculations expanded

Supply increases mean Pacific, CENTCOM to get immunizations

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Pentagon is expanding its controversial anthrax and smallpox immunization programs to "tens of thousands" of U.S. troops in or heading to the Pacific and Central Command areas, the top Pentagon health official said Wednesday.

The expanded program is a result of an increase in the supply of the vaccines and not a change in threat conditions against troops, civilian workers and their families, said William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs.

"With an increase in the amount of vaccine available, particularly for anthrax, we will now vaccinate personnel assigned to selected units in the U.S. Pacific Command, additional personnel serving in the U.S. Central Com-

mand, and selected other groups of individuals," Winkenwerder said.

This will be the first time forces on the Korean Peninsula will be inoculated since the Pentagon resumed the program in June 2002, Winkenwerder said.

The manufacturer had to temporarily stop production after it changed how the vaccine was made and awaited approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

"I don't have precise numbers for you in terms of aggregate number of additional personnel," Winkenwerder said. "It's into tens of thousands. But, of course,

with rotations of forces occurring at periods of time, actually that number will increase."

Between two-thirds and three-fourths of troops deployed to the Middle East have received the vaccines.

Wednesday's change will make it mandatory that all personnel deployed to the region be vaccinated.

However, the department will not inoculate those exempt for health reasons, but exempted personnel still are deployable, he said.

Expanding the program to the Pacific does not reflect a change in threat levels posed against U.S. forces, civilians and their families, said Winkenwerder and Army Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez,

deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The threat has not changed," Rodriguez said.

"The threat condition, we believe, has not changed since the point at which we implemented these programs earlier."

William Winkenwerder Jr.
assistant secretary of defense
for Health Affairs

adversaries make the Pacific and Central Command areas more of a threat than other regions in the world, prompting the department to vaccinate those troops and personnel, Rodriguez said.

Winkenwerder offered no time line, but said vaccinations for the expanded group "will begin in

the very near future."

A memo issued Monday by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz directs the services to begin inoculating, with both the anthrax and smallpox vaccines, uniformed personnel going to the Korean Peninsula for 15 days or more.

The group includes the Pacific Command Forward Deployed Naval Forces, emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees assigned to Korea, contractor personnel carrying out mission-essential services in Korea, and expand the program to include all personnel in the CENTCOM region.

Wolfowitz's memo also instructs the services to make the vaccines available, on a voluntary basis, to family members and other DOD civilians in Korea.

Some maintain the vaccines cause health problems and some have accepted separation from service or disciplinary action for disobeying an order rather than take it.

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IN THE STATES

Steinberg, killed adopted child, 6, leaves NY prison

Former lawyer served nearly 17 years for 1987 vicious beating of daughter

The Associated Press

PINE CITY, N.Y. — Infamous child killer Joel Steinberg was released from prison Wednesday after nearly 17 years behind bars for the 1987 beating death of his 6-year-old adopted daughter.

The former lawyer, now 63, served two-thirds of the maximum 25-year manslaughter sentence. He has continued to deny responsibility for the girl's death.

Steinberg left the upstate prison with \$104 in earnings from his inmate account and was picked up in a limousine by defense attorney Darnay Hoffman.

Lisa Steinberg died in November 1987, three days after a vicious beating in the Greenwich Village apartment where she lived with Steinberg and his former lover, Hedda Nussbaum.

Nussbaum called police after

finding the 6-year-old naked, bruised and not breathing. Nussbaum, initially a co-defendant, herself had a split lip, broken ribs, a broken nose and a fractured jaw she said were inflicted by Steinberg.

According to Nussbaum's testimony, Steinberg struck Lisa for staring at him, then ignored her injuries and smoked cocaine.

Nussbaum, 59, who said she would flee New York rather than face Steinberg again, quit her job Friday at My Sister's Place, a domestic violence center in White Plains, Executive Director Julie Donomick said Wednesday.

Hoffmann has said he offered Steinberg a free apartment and a \$250-a-week job with a local cable television show. Steinberg will have to make regular visits to a parole officer through October 2012. Now disbarred, he worked in prison as a paralegal.



AP photos

Above: Southport Correctional Facility Sgt. Rick Latterell, right, checks attorney Darnay Hoffman at the front gate Wednesday in Pine City, N.Y. Hoffman arrived in a white limousine to pick up his client, Joel Steinberg, who became a free man after serving 15 years for the 1987 beating death of his six-year-old adopted daughter. Left: Steinberg appears at his sentencing in New York state Supreme Court in March 1989.



Fed raises key interest rate by a quarter of one point

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve boosted a key short-term interest rate by a one-quarter percentage point Wednesday, its first rate increase in four years, in an attempt to keep the economy and inflation on an even keel.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues — the group that sets interest rate policy in the United States — increased the federal funds rate to 1.25 percent. The funds rate, the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity, had been at 1 percent, a 46-year low, for a year.

As a result of the Fed's decision to push up the funds rate, commercial banks were expected to increase by a corresponding amount their prime lending rate

for many short-term consumer and business loans. The prime rate, which has been at 4 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades for a year, is expected to rise to 4.25 percent.

The economy has been a hot topic in the presidential campaign with President Bush insisting things are rebounding and Sen. John Kerry talking about a squeeze on the middle class. Analysts said voters will likely see little impact on the economy between now and November from the Fed's action.

Fed policy-makers, wrapping up a two-day meeting Wednesday, also held to the view that they could gradually raise rates to head off inflation. The Fed said it believes any rate increases can be "at a pace that is likely to be measured."

The Fed made clear, however,

if it will take more aggressive action if needed. This restated a position that Greenspan had articulated earlier.

"The committee will respond to changes in economic prospects as needed to fulfill its obligation to maintain price stability," the Fed policy-makers said.

Their latest assessment of the state of the economy was upbeat. The Fed said the economy is expanding at a solid pace and that labor markets are improving. On the inflation front, the Fed said that "although incoming inflation data are somewhat elevated, a portion of the increase in recent months appears to have been due to transitory factors."

Hours before the Fed's announcement, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said: "It's not unexpected that as the economy continues growing stronger that interest rates may rise some. That's not something at this point that is a concern."

A one-quarter point increase would not deter the economic recovery, but it will put the Fed on a course of higher borrowing costs, geared in part to head off inflation, economists said.

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SUSHIEDO

Report: 1 in 10 students face sex misconduct

BY BEN FELLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 4.5 million children are forced to endure sexual misconduct by school employees, from inappropriate comments to physical abuse, according to an exhaustive review of research that reads like a parent's worst nightmare.

The best estimate is that almost one in 10 children, sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade, are targets of behavior ranging from unprofessional to criminal, says the report for Congress by Charol Shakeshaft, a professor at Hofstra University's School of Education.

"Most people just don't think this can really happen," said Shakeshaft, hired by the Education Department to study the prevalence of sexual abuse in schools. "We imagine that all teachers are like most teachers, in that they've gone into teaching to help children. Most do, but not all. We need to

"We imagine that all teachers ... [go] into teaching to help children. Most do, but not all."

Charol Shakeshaft

author of report on sexual misconduct in schools

acknowledge that's the case and do something to stop it."

The report, required under the No Child Left Behind law and delivered to Congress on Wednesday, is the first to analyze the field of research about sexual misconduct at school.

Some educators immediately took issue with its approach, mainly the combining of sexual abuse with other behavior, such as gestures or noises, into one broad misconduct category.

But another prominent researcher supported the findings, suggesting, as Shakeshaft did, that they may even underestimate the problem. And the American Association of University Women, whose surveys of students were at the core of the new report, stood by its research.

There have been no nationally financed studies to collect data about how common sexual misconduct is in school, one of many areas Shakeshaft suggests must be addressed.

Her analysis covered almost 900 documents and reviews that have dealt with the topic in some way, from private research and newspaper stories to reports for government agencies.

What she found portrays a problem that, no matter how uncommon, united groups of teachers, superintendents, parents and education leaders in concern — and disgust.

The report describes schools as places where abusers come to prey, targeting vul-

nerable and marginal students who are afraid to complain or unlikely to be believed if they did. It describes adults who trap, lie and isolate children, making them subject to unwanted behavior in hallways, offices, buses or even right in front of other students in class. And the offenders work hard to keep kids from telling, threatening to fail or humiliate them.

Misconduct is defined in the report as physical, verbal or visual behavior, from sexually related jokes or pictures of sex to fondling of breasts and forced sex.

Shakeshaft did not limit her review to sexual abuse because, she says, that would exclude other unacceptable adult behaviors that can drive kids from school and harm them for years.

The report found teachers are the most common offenders, followed by coaches, substitute teachers, bus drivers and teacher aides. Among students, 56 percent of those targeted are girls, and 44 percent are boys, a smug gap but commonly expected, Shakeshaft said.

Statue of Liberty reopening ... partly

BY STEVE STRUNSKY

The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The National Park Service has vowed to restore the public's ability to enter the Statue of Liberty's six-story pedestal this summer.

The event will be commemorated on Independence Day this Sunday with a special addition to the Statue's fireworks display, but the pedestal's reopening will not happen until late July or August.

And even then the inside of the 118-year-old statue will remain closed for security reasons.

"The question has been asked, 'Are you saying no one can ever, ever go back in the statue again?'" said Brian Feeney, park service spokesman. "We're not saying that."

The problem is that the interior of the statue, which used to be accessible by a narrow spiral staircase, cannot be adequately secured.

The pedestal, which contains the Statue of Liberty Museum, has had \$7 million in improvements. They include the improved lighting, a new fire suppression system and fire walls. There will be an additional staircase for exiting the pedestal and Fort Wood, the old stone fort on which the statue rests.

The pedestal also will have an outdoor observation deck, where visitors will be able to walk around the statue's perimeter, and several undisclosed security measures, Feeney said.

The entire 58-acre island, which is accessible by ferries from Battery Park in New York City and Liberty State Park in Jersey City, was closed from the attacks until Dec. 20, 2001.





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Connecticut to get ethics czar

HARTFORD, Conn. — Lt. Gov. M. Jodi Rell took a step Tuesday to separate herself from the ethics problems of the Rowland administration, announcing that after she becomes governor Thursday she will appoint an ethics czar in the executive branch. Rell is tapping Rachel S. Rubin, former managing director at the state Ethics Commission, as the special counsel for ethics compliance. The job is effective July 9.

Rubin played a key role in the House Select Committee of Inquiry's hearings this month into Gov. John G. Rowland's conduct.

Rowland announced his resignation on June 21.

Wrongfully-jailed suit settled

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A man freed after spending 14 years on Nevada's death row for a murder he always said he did not commit has settled a lawsuit for \$5 million, attorneys announced Tuesday.

Roberto Miranda was freed in 1996, after a judge found that the trial attorney had committed glaring errors.

Ten years after the stabbing death of Manuel Rodriguez Torres, a federal judge appointed a new attorney for Miranda. That lawyer helped persuade a state judge to grant Miranda a new trial, and prosecutors later declined to proceed with the case.

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The Schmitz family of Trenton, Tenn., included 18 adopted, foster and biological children (one not shown). Most of the adopted children have special needs — physically, emotionally or mentally. The state Department of Children's Services removed all the children last week after nurses who worked in the home reported physical abuse and neglect.

Parents once lauded for caring for 18 now suspected of abuse

BY WOODY BAIRD

The Associated Press

TRENTON, Tenn. — A little more than a year after Thomas "Tom" and Debra "Debbie" Schmitz were profiled in heart-warming news stories as religious, caring foster parents, 18 children have been removed from their home amid charges of abuse and neglect.

Police say some of the children — including those with physical disabilities and special behavioral needs — were beaten, left for long hours in a dark cellar and locked in a metal cage.

The Schmitzes stood silently at their first court appearance Tuesday. An attorney for Debbie Schmitz said she is innocent and will fight for the return of the children.

"She's not guilty of abuse as the law would define that," attorney Michael Robbins said. Judge James Webb set a preliminary hearing Aug. 17 and allowed the couple to remain free on bond of \$50,000 for Debbie Schmitz, 44, and \$25,000 for Tom Schmitz, 45.

A few miles away, at the driveway leading to the Schmitzes' farmhouse, a 3-foot-wide, heart-shaped marker was adorned with 18 yellow bows, one for each child now in state custody. The children range in age from infant to 17 years.

The Schmitzes, who had a reputation for taking in hard-to-place children in need, came to this northern Tennessee town four years ago.

Sheriff Joe Shepard said that

was shortly after they were investigated on child abuse allegations in the Green Bay, Wis., area, where they had 11 children in their home. No criminal charges were filed in Wisconsin.

The allegations in Wisconsin were similar to the new ones, including that Debbie Schmitz drank heavily and most of the care for the younger children was provided by the older ones.

Shepard said the new allegations came from several of the children, as well as two nurses who worked at the home. Sheriff's Detective Don Curry

said the children were required to clean the house and take care of two horses and other animals on the farm. He said one young teenager who needs a leg brace to walk told him she was beaten for not working fast enough and forced to sleep naked on the floor after breaking a ceramic vase.

Robbins said Debbie Schmitz has adopted 11 of the children and two are her biological children. He said he was unsure about the custody status of the others.

Investigators are still unsure how the couple got custody of the children, and why so many special needs children were placed in their home.

Last year, several news organizations, including The Associated Press, produced feature stories about the couple. Debbie Schmitz stayed in the home with the children, while Tom Schmitz was a salesman for a company that rents portable toilets.

Debbie Schmitz told the AP then that she felt a religious calling to care for youngsters.



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O'Malley: Vatican slow in handling church abuses

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley, in Rome to receive a special honor from Pope John Paul II, expressed frustration with the slow pace of Vatican officials in handling the cases of about two dozen Boston-area priests accused of sexual abuse.

Speaking to Boston reporters during a visit to the Vatican, O'Malley said the logjam is unfair to both the priests and the abuse victims.

"The process has been very slow, and I'm very frustrated by that," he said. "The resources here are inadequate to be able to expedite the cases with the facility that we'd like to see."

Priests can be suspended by local church officials, but cannot be removed from the priesthood without Vatican permission.

O'Malley is among the church leaders who have grown concerned with how long Vatican officials are taking to look at the cases of abusive priests.

O'Malley made the comments while in Rome to receive a pallium — a woolen band bestowed on archbishops — from the Pope on Tuesday, the archbishop's 60th birthday. He said he planned to meet with Vatican officials to express his worries, and to urge the Vatican to allow American canon lawyers to help move cases along.

O'Malley said the process also has been hindered by a lack of cooperation from some alleged victims and their attorneys.

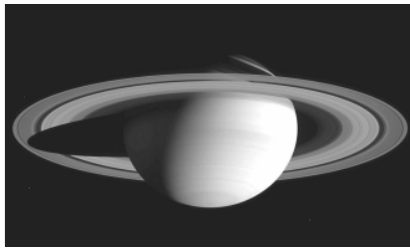
"My frustration, too, is sometimes getting the cooperation that we need from the victims, from those who are accusing, to be able to testify in cases," he said. "That's something we're trying desperately to arrange."

Boston attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who represents more than 100 alleged victims of abusive priests, said some victims are able to participate in the process, and others aren't.

"Some victims just don't trust investigators for the church or any other church official, but I believe there are many who would speak to investigators," he said Tuesday.

Church rules for handling abuse allegations require the local church to investigate and, if there appears to be sufficient evidence, inform the Vatican and suspend the priest. The Vatican can decide the case or send it back to the diocese to be tried in a church court.

While it's not clear how many cases are pending, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in January that about 400 allegations have resulted in about 700 priests and deacons being temporarily removed from ministry nationally in the last two years.



This composite of two images, taken by the Cassini spacecraft on May 7 and released Tuesday, shows a wide view of Saturn. The white dots in the image are some of Saturn's moons.

The Cassini-Huygens mission is a cooperative project of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency.

AP

After seven years, Cassini set to enter Saturn's orbit

BY JOHN ANTICZAK

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — After nearly seven years of travel, the international Cassini spacecraft is finally within striking distance of its heavenly destination: Saturn.

The U.S.-European spacecraft was due to enter Saturn's orbit Wednesday night to begin a four-year tour of the giant planet, its shimmering rings and some of its 31 known moons.

"We're right on track," navigation team chief Jeremy Jones told a press conference Tuesday at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Cassini was programmed to ascend through a gap between two of Saturn's rings, fire its rocket for 96

minutes to slow down, and then descend back through the ring plane.

Cassini program manager Robert Mitchell called orbit insertion a "hair-graying" event, but he and other officials expressed confidence in a successful outcome. The \$3.3 billion mission was launched Kennedy Space Center on Oct. 15, 1997.

Cassini, laden with a dozen instruments, also carries a probe named Huygens that will be launched into the murky atmosphere of the moon Titan. The frozen moon intrigues scientists because it may have many of the chemical compounds that existed on Earth before life began.

Scientists see the Saturn system as a model of the early solar system when the sun was surrounded

by a disk of material. Studying it may increase understanding of how the planets formed.

Images taken by Cassini this month showed Titan has complex surface markings and individual bright areas.

The presence of carbon molecules may mean that Titan is similar to what Earth was like more than 4 billion years ago, before life appeared, he said.

Huygens will enter Titan's atmosphere in early January, radioing findings back to Cassini as it makes a lengthy descent by parachute. Scientists don't know if Huygens will land on a hard surface or splash down into an ethane-methane ocean.

"I just hope, or maybe dream, that we are really going to see oceans on Titan," Lebreton said.

Revelers warned to be careful with fireworks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hospital emergency room visits for fireworks-related injuries dipped by one-quarter in the past decade, but rose slightly from 2002 to 2003, federal regulators said Wednesday as they urged Americans to safely celebrate the Fourth of July.

Fireworks accidents resulted in some 9,300 emergency room visits last year, including about 6,800 in the month surrounding Independence Day, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

Though that's a slight jump from the 8,800 injuries reported in 2002, emergency room visits generally have gone down since reaching highs of 12,500 in 1992 and 1994.

CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton attributed the decline to better enforcement against illegal fireworks, more consumer safety awareness and improvements by some manufacturers.

"The best thing parents can do to keep their families safe this Fourth of July is to understand the basic safety tips for fireworks, including never trying to re-light

a 'dud' and using only legal, consumer fireworks," Stratton said.

Males suffered about 72 percent of all injuries and children under 15 accounted for almost half the report said.

The commission noted six deaths related to fireworks last year, though it listed separately the fire in a Rhode Island nightclub that killed 100 people and was blamed on indoor pyrotechnics.

The government distributed these safety tips:

■ Make sure fireworks are legal in the area before buying or using.

■ Adults should always supervise.

■ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned.

■ Never allow young children to ignite fireworks.

■ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

■ Keep a bucket of water or a hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

■ Light one item at a time, then move back quickly.

■ Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them in metal or glass containers.

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IN THE WORLD

Duraao Barroso tapped to be top EU exec



Portuguese Prime Minister and newly appointed European Commission President Jose Durao Barroso gestures Thursday during a media conference at the European Council headquarters in Brussels.

BY ROBERT WIELAARD
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Jose Durao Barroso, the Portuguese prime minister and next European Commission president, says he will be a strong leader at the EU head office who will ensure big nations do not run roughshod over their smaller partners.

Speaking after his unanimous nomination Tuesday by the 25 EU leaders, Durao Barroso told reporters the EU needs "strong" leadership, as well as "balance between the big and the small, the rich and the poor."

As European Commission president, he will need people skills to reconcile differences among EU capitals and credibly represent Europe abroad — notably in Washington.

He will also need to uphold the commission tradition of watching out that rights of small member states are not trampled on by Britain, Germany, France and Italy, the four biggest EU nations.

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The EU leaders' unanimous decision to put Durao Barroso at the top of the EU executive ended weeks of acrimony over who would be the best candidate to succeed Italy's Romano Prodi, who steps down at the end of October.

Durao Barroso was picked after nearly a dozen other candidates were rejected in haggling among the EU members that mirrored divisions over the Iraq war.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, the summit chairman, told reporters the bloc's leaders took no vote, but accepted Durao Barroso "by consensus."

"I know he will lead the European Commission with strength, vigor and vision," Ahern said.

Durao Barroso still faces confirmation hearings at the European Parliament in July, which seem

to be formality, as he shares the same center-right political stance as the EU assembly's largest political group, the European People's Party.

Durao Barroso only needs a simple majority in the 732-member chamber to be approved.

There was praise all around Tuesday for the 48-year-old Portuguese leader.

French President Jacques Chirac called him a "man of dialogue, who can, I think, guarantee the success of this difficult mission."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair hailed him as "someone who shows a strong belief in economic reform and social justice."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said Durao Barroso was not his first choice, but stressed that if the European Parliament endorses him next month, "we will support him."

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said Durao Barroso "will unite Europe even more in the years ahead."

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Survey: Small arms in Iraq may trouble Mideast for years

BY SAM CAGE
The Associated Press

GENEVA — The huge numbers of small arms left behind by Iraq's armed forces after the fall of Saddam Hussein could cause instability in the Middle East for many years, according to a study published Wednesday.

"Millions of firearms suddenly flooded a chaotic small landscape," the 335-page Small Arms Survey said. "The collapse precipitated what almost certainly was one of the largest and fastest transfers of small arms ever."

The number of murders involving firearms in Baghdad rose dramatically, the report said, and the violence "became a major barrier to the restoration of legitimate authority."

"The consequences of the great Iraqi small arms abandonment may endanger stability in much of the Middle East for years to come," it added.

The Iraqi people currently possess an estimated 7 million to 8 million firearms, although the actual number could be much higher, the study said, adding that it still has fewer firearms per person than countries such as Finland.

"The concern here... is we do not know what proportion of these weapons are military style," Keith Krause, the program director for the survey, told reporters. "Iraq now poses a regional proliferation risk."

The survey of global small

arms is produced annually by a team of researchers coordinated at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva and financed by a dozen Western governments. It is used partly to track progress on a U.N. program to combat small-arms trafficking that was adopted at a 2001 conference on the illegal trade in light weaponry.

At least 200,000 non-war-related firearms deaths occur each year, the vast majority of them homicides. Almost half the killings are in Latin America and the Caribbean, which have gradually developed even more severe firearm problems than Iraq.

Latin America does not have a particularly high number of small arms, but far more people are killed per gun than in other regions of the world.

Colombia has the world's highest gun homicide rate, with 50 murders per 100,000 people, followed by South Africa with 30. By comparison, the United States has 3.5 killings per 100,000 people, and Germany has 0.2.

Countries following Colombia in the Latin America and Caribbean region were Venezuela with 21 and Jamaica with 17.

"Latin America stands out as the only part of the world where so many such countries are packed together in a single region," the report said. But "several other regions are home to one or more countries affected by exceptional gun problems, such as South Africa and Albania."

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Hot time in Alaska

AK FAIRBANKS — Ice, bottled water, wading pools and fans are hot commodities for residents seeking ways to cool down in near record-breaking temperatures in Alaska's interior.

The items are flying off shelves faster than they can be restocked, according to store managers.

"We've sold more fans this year than we have ever sold," said Scott McCulloch, manager of the Fred Meyer store in West Fairbanks.

"In the last 10 days, we've topped 1,000 [in sales]," he said. Temperatures in Fairbanks reached 84 degrees on Sunday, and it was a steamy 88 degrees at Fort Wainwright, a high for the state.

SUV's splash landing

HI HONOLULU — A special tow truck was brought in to lift an SUV from a backyard swimming pool in Hawaii Kai.

Homeowner Katherine Peacock was marking her 80th birthday Saturday when she saw the vehicle fly through the air and crash into eight feet of water in her pool.

The husband and wife in the SUV escaped injury. The woman had been taking a driving lesson. She had turned onto Nimitz Loop when she swerved to avoid an oncoming car and crashed through Peacock's fence and into her pool.

Dress code protest

KY LOUISVILLE — The ACLU is objecting to a ban on sports jerseys, sleeveless shirts and backward baseball caps in Louisville's new nightclub district, saying the dress code is biased against blacks and poor people.

The city has given the developer of the month-old Four Street Live power to enforce its dress code three nights a week during special events along the block-long stretch, restaurants, bars and shops. During those nights, the city street is blocked off, and bouncers decide who does and doesn't meet the dress code.

Hiking tragedy

ME MILLINOCKET — A rock slide on a popular trail on Mount Katahdin killed one hiker who became trapped under a boulder and injured another, officials said.

The injured hiker and two other people caught in last week's rock slide were rescued and walked down the mountain during the night, said Irvin "Buzz" Caverly Jr., director of Baxter State Park in northern Maine.

About 60 people helped search Katahdin, Maine's highest peak and the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail, for the group of four hikers. The slide occurred at about 4,100 feet along Cathedral Trail in the mile-high mountain's south basin.

The crew of a Maine Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter removed the body of Roger Cooper, 52, of Bangor, Caverly said.

Squeaking by

NY NEW YORK — About 1,500 third-graders who had been

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in danger of being held back for a year will be allowed to enter the fourth grade in the fall, the Department of Education said.

The students can move forward because reviews of their portfolios found class work that was considered stronger than their scores on citywide math and reading tests, officials said Thursday.

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Carolina celebrates

SC CHARLESTON — While the nation celebrates July Fourth next weekend, Charlestonians on Monday celebrated another important date from the year 1776.

Carolina Day is the anniversary of the Battle of Sullivan's Island when, just a few days before independence was declared in Philadelphia, Americans manning a fort of sand and palmetto logs turned back a British fleet intent on seizing Charleston.

Sullivan's Island was the first decisive victory of the Revolution for the patriots, coming days before the Declaration of Independence. Ten Americans were killed and 22 wounded in the fight.

"This was the day when the bed-

rock of our own liberty was carved out here in the Carolinas," said Rev. Philip Bryant, the pastor of the Huguenot Church which was organized in 1681.

Wedding death

VT ISLE LA

MOTTE — A burst of wind uprooted a tent minutes after Jason and Carrie Guyette were married recently, killing one and injuring more than a dozen wedding guests.

The groom's step-grandmother was killed after a falling pole hit her. Police and hospital officials did not release her name.

Seven people were transported to area hospitals by ambulance.

Six were treated at Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans for minor cuts, scrapes, abrasions and lacerations. Nursing Supervisor Valerie Martel said. One person was held overnight with a concussion and lacerations.

Car porn conviction

NY SCHENECTADY — A man caught playing an adult film in his car will now have to serve jail time.

Andre Gainey, 35, of Clifton Park, pleaded guilty to public display of sexual material and two other misdemeanor charges Friday. He's expected to draw a 30-day jail term when he's sentenced in August.

Gainey's lawyer, Patrick Greene, said Gainey didn't know he was breaking the law when he played the X-rated DVD on three screens visible from the outside of his Mercedes-Benz in February. Police officers noticed the movie as Gainey drove near the downtown headquarters, 10 miles northwest of Albany.

Top fugitive nabbed

TX LAREDO — One of the U.S. Marshals' Service most wanted fugitives was in a South Texas jail.

Robert Glenn Brown, 30, was arrested Sunday without incident after police got a tip about his hideout in a subdivision, police said.

Brown was wanted in connection with a 2003 shooting death of Larry Hawkins, according to a U.S. Marshals' statement. Brown was seen driving a stolen motorcycle and in possession of items stolen from Hawkins, eyewitnesses told police in Monday's editions of the Laredo Morning Times.

Recess from the law

CA SACRAMENTO — Lawmakers can begin a month-long summer recess if they approve a new state budget this week. The July 1 budget deadline is often elusive. California is one of only a handful of states that require more than simple majorities to pass state budgets.

Ship becomes reef

FL DAYTONA BEACH — A Dutch trawler that was once used to fish for herring and mackerel off the coast of Europe was sunk Tuesday off central Florida's coast. The 165-foot Antilles Star will become the state's newest artificial reef. It will be sunk about 17 nautical miles northeast of Ponce de Leon Inlet.



Look out

The SA-60 low-altitude surveillance aircraft begins its descent over a field at Captain Walter Francis Duke Regional Airport in Hollywood, Md., during a demonstration flight for the media. The aircraft, which is 62 feet round and weighs 4,500 pounds, reached an altitude of 10,700 feet. The prototype, built by Techsphere Systems, is being considered for military use.



A scenic trip

A kayaker paddles on Moosehead Lake at Lily Bay State Park in July in Beaver Cove, Maine. The 3,200-foot Big Moose Mountain rises near the southwestern shore.



Little explorer

A Bornean sun bear cub named Duma calls to his mom while exploring his Sun Bear Forest exhibit at the San Diego Zoo. It was the first time the 4-month old cub, born Feb. 17, has left his den to explore the outdoor exhibit.

New friend

Tucker Legg, 7, of Mustang, Okla., looks at a Buckeye butterfly Monday at Oklahoma City during a dedication ceremony of the new "Flowers in Flight" exhibit at the Oklahoma City Zoo.



Making a splash

and first opened Dec. 23, 1924.

Kids looking to escape the summer heat leap into the Venetian Pool on Monday in Coral Gables, Fla. The historic Venetian Pool is spring-fed



Big air

Extreme freestyle motocross rider Pat Darnell, of Kirkland, Wash., flies through the air on his way to a landing during the Big Air Bash at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Darnell is a member of the Metal Militia trick team.



Comic crawler

A worker hangs a seven-story Spider-Man on the side of the Suncoast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The casino is home to a cinema multiplex, "Spider-Man 2" opened June 30 in the States.



Nighttime coming

The setting sun casts a deep glow over downtown Daytona Beach, Fla., and the cross of a local church.

West Virginia winds

WV CHARLESTON — Two West Virginia congressmen, believing wind turbines are an eyesore and a threat to migratory birds, want congressional auditors to study such energy projects along the Appalachian Mountains.

Reps. Alan Mollohan and Nick Rahall, both D-W.Va., asked the General Accounting Office last week to examine how wind turbines are regulated and what effects the projects have on birds in several Mid-Atlantic states, including West Virginia.

"There is nothing more beautiful than my West Virginia hills," Mollohan said. "And I don't need windmills to re-landscape God's glory and my West Virginia hills."

Registration thefts

NH NASHUA — A former clerk in the city's Department of Motor Vehicle Registration is accused of stealing about \$10,000 during her two-year stint. Police last week charged Jeni Courvanian Leonard, 24, with felony theft, which carries a prison sentence of up to 15 years.

Leonard is accused of pocketing cash paid in state and city licensing fees and not sending the registration information to the state Division of Motor Vehicles.

Auditors are trying to determine how many Nashua vehicles on the road are registered.

Judge sorry for remark

NY NEW YORK — A federal judge offered his "profound regret" for saying President Bush's rise to power was similar to that of Mussolini and Hitler.

Judge Guido Calabresi, 71, of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan, drew an audible gasp from lawyers attending a convention of the American Constitution Society in Washington, according to the New York Sun, which quoted the speech last week.

"My remarks were extemporaneous and, in hindsight, reasonably could be — and indeed have been — understood to do something which I did not intend, that is, take a partisan position," Calabresi wrote in a letter of apology to Chief Justice John Walker.

School museum

MS JACKSON — A museum documenting the history and accomplishments of an all-black school will open this week. The Piquette Carver Culture Museum Board founded the museum in honor of George Washington Carver High School and its former students.

During segregation the school managed to field a nationally ranked football team and sent students to top colleges.

Indiana deadbeat list

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Beginning Thursday, the Indiana Department of Revenue will post on its Web site the names of individuals and businesses who haven't paid tax bills of \$1,000 or more for at least two years and have warrants against them.

The agency collected more

than \$900,000 in back taxes after sending warning letters in mid-May to delinquent taxpayers.

Juvenile camp flap

NM FORT STANTON — A state proposal to close a juvenile corrections camp near Ruidoso has run into opposition.

Camp Sierra Blanca houses low-risk, nonviolent teenage offenders. Officials say the camp is losing money, has fire safety problems and houses only 21 teens. Supporters, including judges and police chiefs, say it has an outstanding record of rehabilitating young people.

Overdue diploma

NY NEW YORK — A valedictorian, denied her diploma after she criticized her high school during a graduation speech, will receive the diploma at a ceremony on Thursday.

The decision to grant Tiffany Schley her diploma from the High School of Legal Studies was made after a tearful Schley, her father and a panel of judges in a news conference Monday outside City Hall to demand an apology from education officials.

In her graduation speech, Schley criticized her Brooklyn high school, citing overcrowding and inadequate teaching and guidance counseling.

When she later went to pick up her diploma, she was refused and told to apologize — a move the mayor termed a "bonehead" decision made by a "bozo."

Police misconduct

MN MINNEAPOLIS — The city has already paid more to settle police misconduct claims than in any 12-month reporting period since 1998, officials said. Since December 2003, the city has paid \$1.6 million to resolve seven cases.

Minneapolis city attorney's office calls this year's settlements an aberration. The pace has some council members concerned.

Yellow ribbon 'thief'

IA BETTENDORF — When yellow ribbons in Bob Saskowski's yard started disappearing, he suspected evil intentions.

"Every time it disappeared, I would hang a new one," said Saskowski, who tied the ribbons with his wife, Alexis, in support of their son and other troops in Iraq.

The disappearances went on for eight months. The last straw was when three ribbons disappeared in three days.

So Bob Saskowski appealed to his neighbors, asking them to talk to their teenagers about respect and patriotism and asked for their help.

Neighbors responded by adding yellow ribbons to the trees in their yards in defiance of the thief.

The ribbons kept disappearing, but only from the Saskowski yard. Six weeks later, they caught the culprit on videotape.

The ribbons were being shimmed slowly down the trunk by a squirrel.

"We can laugh now," Saskowski said. "Before, it was not funny."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Stripes Travel

Paris on wheels

On a scooter, you can see the French capital effortlessly

BY DOUG WHITEMAN
The Associated Press

I had expected to visit tourist attractions during my vacation in Paris. What I didn't expect is that I would be one.

Yet there I was, being waved at and having my picture taken by other tourists in the City of Light as I rolled past the Eiffel Tower, crisscrossed the Seine and glided through the courtyards at the Louvre on a motorized Segway scooter.

Segways look odd, like souped-up furniture dollies balanced on a pair of oversized wheels. They've endured skepticism and a government recall. And they're expensive, at about \$4,500 each. But in Paris, they provide a very cool and oh-so-21st-century way of seeing one of the premier historic capitals of Europe.

"Touring around on Segways added a whole new dimension to the city and to our perspective as tourists," said Mary Ann Schaefer, 55, who lives in suburban Cleveland. "Now we could gaze as we rolled instead of as we strolled."

The Segway excursions are offered by City Segway Tours of Paris, whose owner is an American. The company, which also has Segway tours in Nice, started

out five years ago giving bike tours; its bike operation is called Fat Tire Bike Tours. It expanded into Segways in early 2003, a decision made easier by the fact that France is friendly to Segways.

In France, a person on a Segway is considered a pedestrian, said David Mebane, who owns City Segway Tours. "If a pedestrian can go in a park, then typically I can go in a park with the Segways. It's not a problem."

My Segway tour began with instruction. About a half-hour of training is typical. We were told that the machines take their cues from the distribution of the rider's body weight. You move forward by leaning onto the balls of your feet and move backward by shifting your weight onto your heels. To stop, you balance somewhere in between. You steer by twisting a handlebar control.

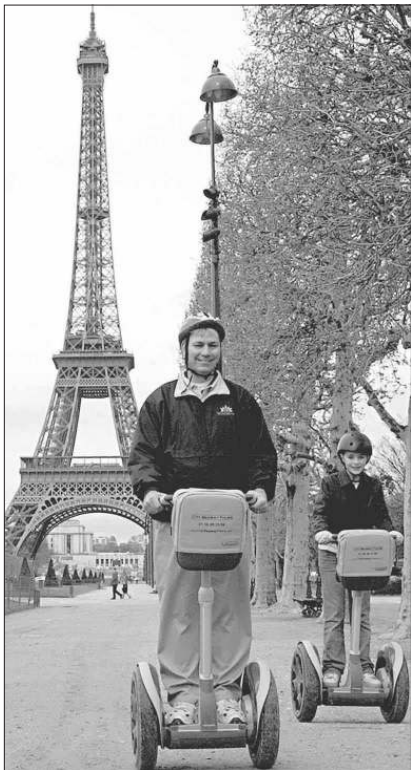
I took my tour shortly before Segways were recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Some people had fallen off and gotten hurt when the batteries ran low and the scooters could no longer remain upright. The Segway company has since offered new software to warn when battery power is running down, and City Segway Tours has installed the upgrades.

So are Segways safe?

"Absolutely," Mebane says. It's like cars, he said. "A car by itself is inherently not dangerous, but if you put a driver who doesn't know what he's doing, it can be a dangerous thing."

Standing on a Segway and trying to will it to move where I wanted, at a speed I was comfortable with, was strange and scary at first. But in minutes, it was almost second nature. While my group practiced by tooling around a small playground, we learned about the scooter's equivalent of mild, medium and hot: different plastic-and-metal keys that set the top speed. We began with the black key that keeps the machine cruising at no more than 6 mph.

Later, we kicked things up to the yellow key, which tops out at 9 mph. There's also a red key, for speeds up to 12.5 mph. But we didn't concern ourselves with that one — not on the crowded walkways of Paris.



American tourists from Chicago become an attraction to locals as they ride Segway scooters in Paris last April.

Our Texan tour guide, Allison Imel, also provided some practical information for dealing with the locals. If we're asked how a Segway works, we could answer with a simple, "Electronique," or "C'est magique!" And we are warned that we might encounter some taunts of "Lazy Americans!" because the French don't understand why someone would ride around Paris instead of walking. But we encountered only friendly people.



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Stars and Stripes

SEGWAY, FROM PAGE 21

After practicing our turns and stops, as well as trickier maneuvers, such as going up and down curbs and spinning completely around, we were off to see the sights. Mike's daytime Segway trips cover about five miles; nighttime tours go a little farther.

For our night tour, we begin by cruising past the Eiffel Tower.

The first part of the ride, seeing sights took second place to remembering how to steer, keep clear of pedestrians and avoid collisions with fellow Segways. Also, there were occasional camera-toting tourists to smile and wave for — always with the right hand, never with the left, which steers.

We passed a field of soccer players who stopped to applaud. Inel told us they do that every night. We made a couple of Seine crossings using footbridges, breezed past the Place de la Concorde and around the Louvre, and brushed the edge of the Latin Quarter.

It felt like a Disney virtual-reality ride, except that we controlled the action — and this was the real thing, including the scenery.

At the halfway point, we stopped near Notre Dame to recharge our batteries, literally and figuratively. Standing near Segway and having to keep my weight on both feet for a couple of hours was exhausting in its own way, and my feet were numb.

For the return trip, our tour group felt much more confident. We were ready to insert our yellow keys and see more of what the scooters could really do. I couldn't help thinking of those old cruise line commercials with Kathie Lee Gifford crooning "If they could see me now" as I coasted along the sidewalks of Paris at the faster pace.

Eventually we circled back to the Eiffel Tower, near the Segway office. This time, we posed for our own photographs, including the obligatory "Look Ma, no hands!" Segway shot.

We had become very comfortable on our Segways — just in time to turn them in.

If you go

■ Segway tours: Paris

Segway Tours are given by Segway Tours every day from 9:30 a.m. to noon through Nov. 30, and every evening at 6:30 from now through Oct. 31. The tours run four to five hours.

There are no day tours on July 25, and no night tours on July 14.

■ Cost: \$85 per person payable in cash or with traveler's checks. A reservation is required along with a 50-percent deposit, which can be paid online, via PayPal.

■ For more information: Go to www.parissegwaytours.com or call (+33) (0) 1-56-58-10-54.

Calendar

BY JAYNE TRÄNDLY
Special to Stars and Stripes

AUSTRIA

VIENNA: Jazz festival, **through July 11**.

REUTE (Tyrol): Medieval festival, **July 23-25**.

BELGIUM

ANTWERP: Summer cultural festival, **through Aug. 29**.

ANTWERP/LILLE: Commemorative year of P.P. Reubens, **September**.

ARDENNES: Commemorative of the Battle of the Bulge, **all of 2004**.

BLANKENBERG: Sand sculpture festival, **July 5-Aug. 29**.

DENMARK

KLAMPENBORG: Bakken park open, **through Aug. 30**.

COPENHAGEN: Tivoli gardens open, **through Sept. 19**.

SØNDERBORG: Sand sculpture festival, **through Sept. 19**.

BILLUND: Legoland open, **to Oct. 24**.

JELS: The Vikings Chronicles, **July 2-18 (except for July 11)**.

Open-air Viking plays, **through Sept. 19**.

SKORPING: Fourth of July in Denmark, **July 4**. Rebel National Park, **through July 11**.

COPENHAGEN: Jazz festival, **July 2-11**. www.festivaljazz.dk

ARHUS: International jazz festival, **July 10-18**. www.rosa.org/iajf

AALBORG: Tall ships race, **July 30**.

ENGLAND

ALNWICK: Medieval festival, **through July 3**.

COVENTRY: Continental market, **through July 3**.

PETERBOROUGH: City festival, **through July 11**.

LONDON: City of London festival, **through July 13**.

LONDON: Latin in Splash carnival, **July 2**.

YORK: Early music festival, **July 2-10**.

DUXFORD: Living Legends air show, **July 10-11**. www.ivm.org.uk

TEWKESBURY: Medieval festival, **July 10-11**.

LIVERPOOL: Merseyside street festival, **July 10-Aug. 1**.

WHITBY: Blessing of the boats, **July 10**.

RAF FAIRFORD: Royal International Air Tattoo, **July 17-18**.

FRANCE

NORMANDY: D-Day celebrations, **through Sept. 19**.

www.normandieemiere.com

METZ: Flea market, **July 3, July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 29**.

ALL OVER: Tour de France, **July 3-25**.

COLMAR: Inauguration of Statue of Liberty replica, **July 4**.

THROUGHTOUT THE COUNTRY: Bastille Day, **July 14**.

NICE: Jazz festival, **July 21-28**.

GERMANY

WÜRZBURG: Mozart festival, **through July 4**.

NEUNBURG VOM WALD: Hussite Wars, **through Aug. 8**. Pageant, **through Sept. 12**. Noon, town center.

TRIER: State garden show, **through Oct. 24**.

LEIPZIG: Beer fair, **July 2-4**.

FRANKFURT: Sound of Frankfurt, **July 3**.

BINGEN-RODESHEIM: Rhine in Flames, **July 3**.

TRIER: Crafts market, **July 3-4**.

Porta Nigra, **through July 3**.

WORMS: Open-air jazz festival, **July 9-11**.

HEIDELBERG: Castle illumination, **July 10**. 10:15 p.m.

GREECE

ATHENS: Olympics, **Aug. 13-29**.

ATHENS: Paralympics, **Sept. 17-28**.

ITALY

VESSALICO: Garlic festival, **July 2**.

VENICE: Murano regatta, **July 4**.

SEDILLO (Oristano): The Ardia, **July 6-7**.

PELAGO: Street musicians' festival, **July 8-11**.

PALERMO: Festival of St. Rosalia, **July 9-15**.

NETHERLANDS

SCHAGEN: Westfries folklore market, **through Sept. 2**.

ALKMAAR: Cheese and crafts market, **through Sept. 3**.

GOUDA: Goudes Montmartre, **through Sept. 29**. Antiquaria market, **Wed.**

DEVENTER: Street theater festival, **July 2-4**.

DEN HAGUE: North Sea jazz festival, **July 9-11**.

SCOTLAND

STONEHAVEN: Folk festival, **July 9-11**.

STIRLING: Highland games, **July 11**.

ISLE OF SKYE: Festival of Hebridean music, **July 13-23**.

SPAIN

MADRID: Summer in the city, **through Sept. 30**. Cultural events.

CORDOBA: International guitar festival, **July 5-17**.

PAMPLONA: Running of the bulls, **July 6-14**.

VALENCIA: Jazz fest, **July 9-13**.

SWITZERLAND

SAAS-FEE: Alpine music festival, **July 2-10**.

TICINO: Festival jazz festival, **July 2-10**.

DAVOS: Harley Davidson rally, **July 2-10**. 100th anniversary.

MONTREUX: Jazz festival, **July 2-17**.

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FRANCE: This year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi in the Alsatian town of Colmar. While many Americans won't recognize his name, they will know his most famous work: the Statue of Liberty in New York. Officially dedicated there on Oct. 28, 1886. On Sunday, Colmar celebrates this landmark event with the inauguration of a 39-foot Statue of Liberty replica, erected at a traffic circle at the town entrance. The ceremony runs from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The last exit as you approach from Strasbourg, the location of the statue, will be closed, so the tourist board recommends you enter from another route and park in the lots beside three nearby shops: Darty, Conforama or Porcelanosa. Colmar's Web site is www.colmar-tour.fr. For more details on anniversary events, go to www.bartholdi2004.com (in French).

■ This year's Tour de France, which runs Tuesday through July 25, holds a special challenge: Can American Lance Armstrong, who has tied Spain's Miguel Indurain as the only other racer to win five competitions in a row, beat the record with a sixth win? The Web site is www.letour.fr.

GERMANY: In the mood for an all-night party? Head to the annual 12-hour Sound of Frankfurt, which begins at 5 p.m. and (officially) ends at 5 a.m. Called one of the biggest music festivals in Europe, more than 70 contemporary bands will play on outdoor stages in the city center's Hauptwache, Rossmarkt, Stolzplatz, Zeil, Kaiserplatz, Eschenheimer Tor, Stiftstrasse and Konstablerwache.

For those who need a moment of peace, chased by the soothing sounds of Gregorian chants, the Liebfrauenkirche (church) will be open for the "Silence of Culture." Details are at www.sound-of-frankfurt.de (in German).

SPAIN: The streets of Pamplona will once more be filled with men and beasts during the annual running of the bulls. Starting from 8 a.m. between July 7 and 14, the daring three-minute race takes place as runners try to beat (or escape) the bulls, which dash from Santo Domingo through the streets to the bull ring. Other events include the *txupinazo* (fiesta opening), parade of giants, bullfights and, of course, the night-time parties. For details, go to the festival of San Fermín's Web site: www.sanfermin.es.

To protest the race and bull fighting in general, the animal-rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals will stage the "Running of the Nudes" and other activities two days before the official runs begin.

— JAYNE TRÄNDLY

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BY JAYNE TRÄNDLY

Stripes Travel researcher

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Summer is a time of celebration in Stockholm. Locals enjoy the sun at a cafe in Gamla Stan, Stockholm's Old Town.



Soaking up Stockholm's

café culture

BY JANNA GRABER
Special to Stars and Stripes

The morning air is still cool, but customers are already seated at Kafeetoppen's wooden outdoor tables. I can't decide where to sit, so I stand at the doorway of the tiny café in Stockholm's Old Town, and watch as waitresses scurry in and out, their hands laden with pastries and huge cups of coffee.

Tantalizing aromas fill the room's cozy 13th-century interior, and the soft sounds of Swedish echo off the walls. The café is warm and cozy, but it is summer in Stockholm, so I head back outside to grab a table of my own.

Although I pull my jacket close, the hearty customers outside ignore the chill. For in Sweden, summer is more of an attitude than a season. After long months of cold weather and short hours of sunlight, Swedes relish every minute of the light-filled summer months.

I plan to do the same. Sitting back in my rickety chair, I bask in the sun's warm rays and soak in the colors of summer: red and pink flower baskets hanging along the narrow cobble-stone streets, lush green trees growing from circle cut-outs in the road, and the pale pink, okra, and peach historic buildings that line Stortorget, Old Town's main square.

This is my first day of this trip, and I am right where I want to be. Gamla Stan (the Old Town) is the very heart of this vibrant city. Stockholm began here on this tiny island more than eight centuries ago.

Even today, walking the island's winding alleyways is like walking into the past. Like other visitors, I am drawn by Stockholm's quiet nature, friendly, English-speaking residents and unique architecture. The first thing most visitors notice is the city's stunning location. Built on 14 islands that border the edge of a 24,000-is-

land archipelago along the Baltic, Stockholm is a city of water. Bridges (all 52 of them) crisscross the orderly streets, where modern architecture is built alongside Renaissance-era buildings.

Stockholm has carefully preserved its natural environment, and boasts that it is one-third water, one-third parkland and one-third buildings. The Swedish affection for the outdoors is ever present, even in the city. Hundreds of bikes fill the bike paths; sailors navigate the clean waterways; fishermen cast their lines from the piers; and children swim in the canals.

The sea is everywhere, and, having had my fill of coffee, I follow its banks through Gamla Stan, where centuries-old history eventually melds into current day life. The Royal Palace of the Kingdom of Sweden is at the north end of Old Town. The palace, said to

be the biggest in Europe, is the official residence of the royal family, although they currently live on the island of Drottningholm. The palace is open for tours, and is popular with visitors.

Across the canal from the palace, I pass the Opera House, and the most prestigious restaurant in Sweden, the Operakällaren. Nearby is the Kungsträdgården, the King's Royal Garden. It's a good place to take a stroll or simply people watch.

Stockholm has more museums than I've ever been able to visit, but today I am headed to two of my favorites: the Vasa Museum (Vasamuseet) and the Nordic Museum (Nordiska Museet). These two sit side by side, and reaching them is simple.

The Stockholm card I've purchased provides 24-hour access to the public transportation system (including the ferries), as well as entrance to almost all of the city's attractions. Although there is a well-organized subway (called the T) and an excellent bus system, a ferry is the quickest way to the island of Djurgården, where the museums are.

The Vasa is a true national treasure. In



A lunch spot attempts to lure customers by posting its specials on a sidewalk chalk board.

1628, the Vasa, a warship that was the pride of the Swedish navy, sailed on her maiden voyage — and immediately sank in the harbor. The great ship was raised in 1961, and then lovingly preserved. Over 10 million visitors have seen the impressive warship.

The Nordic Museum is Sweden's national museum of cultural history, covering everything from folk art to fashion. The museum's content seems to bridge a gap in my own education. Like millions of other Americans, I have Swedish roots. Yet the years have watered down that heritage to traditional foods and holiday customs. Places like the Nordic Museum help me understand that rich Swedish heritage.

I am not alone in my quest for Swedish roots. Every year, thousands of visitors from all over the world travel to Sweden hoping to research their family history. Sweden has designed a program to help them re-discover their heritage, and track down family ties. Go to www.visit-sweden.

com.usa/heritage.

Another excellent spot to learn about the Sweden of the past is at Skansen, Stockholm's living air museum. More than 200 historic farm buildings, shops and homes have been preserved in the 75-acre park amid the island's nature and flowers. Swedes in period costumes interpret various time periods.

Skansen is one of the most popular attractions in Stockholm, for both locals and tourists alike. It's perfect for all ages, from families with young children to those interested in Swedish culture.

Most national holidays, including Midsommar and Lucia, are celebrated at Skansen with festivities.

Yet while Skansen celebrates Sweden's past, this nation moves eagerly into the future. Cellular phones are everywhere, as are Internet cafes. The country boasts the latest in scientific research and technological devices, and I've discovered things here that I've never seen elsewhere. (Sweden has produced a cedar "drying closet" for laundry that I'd love to take home.)

Sweden reluctantly joined the EU in 1994 but still uses its own currency, the krona. Most purchases include the standard 25-percent sales tax, which is already figured into the price. Non-EU visitors can claim a refund for purchases over SEK 200 (about US\$ 26). Be sure to ask for a tax-free receipt at the time of your purchase.

But Sweden is perhaps best known for its stunning and innovative design, which often centers on minimalism.

"Our design is functionalist," a Swedish friend says. "Look at what you need and



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Built on 14 islands on Sweden's Baltic coast, Stockholm boasts that it is one-third water, one-third parks and one-third city.

then remove what you don't. When there is nothing left to remove, you have achieved Swedish design."

I have cousins living in Sweden, and Pontus and Becky helpfully explain Sweden's fascination with minimalism when I visit them later that week.

"The Swedish word *lagom* means 'just right' — not too much and not too little," Pontus explains. "It's a whole Swedish philosophy, and applies to everything from cooking to the clothes you wear. You don't want to stand out, or have too much of something, yet you want to be sure you have what you need."

This love of simplicity is obvious when I go shopping in Drottninggatan, a popular blocks-long pedestrian shopping mall. Although Swedish fashions follow the latest trends, colors still tend to be muted and subtle. Clothing is rarely showy.

This gentle sense of style is not surprising in a culture that spurns extravagance and self-glorification. It's a compliment to call someone "ordinary," for it means that he or she fits in well.

Yet what does stand out is Swedish cuisine. In the past decade, the number of restaurants in Stockholm has almost doubled. World-famous chefs and top dining establishments are no longer the exception.

While local fare has taken on more of an international flavor throughout the years, my cousins and I choose one of the many local cafés when we meet for lunch. Here one can still find *hushandskost*, which means "good down-home cooking." Local dishes include fresh fish, thick bread and tasty sauces.

But my favorite times in Stockholm



Local schoolchildren chat in Stortorget, Gamla Stan's main square.

seem to revolve around *fika*, a very Swedish tradition. *Fika* is a word used to describe having coffee, but it's an entire cultural institution. It implies taking a break from life's daily grind, and relaxing in the company of others. While Brits head to the pubs to socialize, Swedes get together for coffee. The drink is popular here; Swedes have traditionally been among the top consumers of coffee, per capita, worldwide.

"*Fika* is almost a religion," a friend tells me as we sit outdoors overlooking the

water on my last night in Stockholm. "We have *fika* before we start work, *fika* in the mid-morning, then after lunch and after dinner. It's always a good time for *fika*."

I laugh, and nod in agreement. It's just another reason that I return again and again to this land by the sea.

The hazy midnight sun casts its last rays across the water as the sun begins to set. It is almost 11 pm, yet the city is still lit by the sun's rays. This is one benefit of life in the north. While the sun disappears



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in winter, in summer it returns in full force. Its presence seems to make summer days linger.

A whispering breeze sweeps over us, and I catch the smell of fresh flowers and the salty breath of the sea. I stop for a moment and take a mental picture. It is a beautiful night to be in Stockholm.

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Germany

The Armed Forces Recreation Center at Garmisch, Germany, offers horse and carriage rides and tours. Call DSN 440-2575 or CIV 08821-72981 or visit AFRC on the Web at www.afrc-europe.com.

Darmstadt Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **July 1-4**,

Tours/Outdoors

Estattit diving; **July 1-5**, Venice and Vicenza, Italy; **July 12**, open water diving certification begins; **July 15-18**, Den Helder fishing; **July 16-17**, Czech shopping. Call DSN 348-4277 or CIV 06151-494-277.

Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **July 1-5**, camping, hiking and sightseeing in Italy; **July 19**, **July 2-5**, rafting and canyoning in Austria; **July 3**, Euro Disney; **July 3**, start of the Tour de France; **July 3**, Call DSN 489-7751 or CIV 0631-536-7751.

Katterbach Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **July 10**, Neuschwanstein and Lindorf; **July 17**, Europa Park. Call DSN 467-3225 or CIV 09802-83-3225.

The 417th BSB Outdoor Recreation at Harvey Barracks in Kitzingen, Germany, tours and events: Leisure Travel; **July 10**, Kallenberg Medieval Festival; **July 13**, Nurnberg; **July 16-18**, Euro Disney; **July 18**, the 417th BSB Outdoor Recreation

at DSN 355-8629 or civilian 09321-305-8629.

Mannheim Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **July 3, 10 and 24**, paintball; **July 5**, Legoland tour; **July 17**, Black Forest hiking; **July 20**, Call DSN 381-7215 or CIV 0621-730-7232.

Ramstein Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **July 2-5**, hut-to-hut hiking in German Alps; **July 8**, volunteer meeting; **July 10**, Luxembourg cave and rappel; **July 11**, Sauer River canoe trip; **July 17**, kayak 101; **July 18**, French-German border castle hike; **July 17-18**, rock and ice climbing weekend; **July 17-18**, extreme downhill bike weekend. Call DSN 480-5705 or CIV 06371-47-5705.

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14 and 24, King Ludwig's castles, **July 11 and 13**, Mosel River, **July 17**, Cochem Castle, **July 17**, essentials of Nancy; **July 17-18**, Sound of Music; **July 17-18**, Brussels and Brugge.

Call DSN 480-6330, 489-7064, 496-7719 or go to www.RTTTravel.com.

Spangdahlem Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **July 3**, Sauer river raft float; **July 4**, tandem sky diving; **July 5**, **July 9-11**, Swiss mountain biking and hiking; **July 20**, Call DSN 452-6466 or CIV 0656-61-6466.

USO Stuttgart tours and events: **July 1-5**, Normandy, France with three overnights; **July 3**, **July 5**, Florence and Venice; **July 2-9**, Moscow and St. Petersburg; **July 2-9**, Battle of the Bulge and Bastogne; **July 3**, Rhine Aflame; **July 4**, Eagle's Nest and salt

mines; **July 5**, **July 5 and 19**, Mercedes factory; **July 6**, Bruchsal and Maulbronn monastery; **July 6**, **July 10**, Poland shopping express; **July 10**, 13th Annual USO Benefit Call Tournament at Stuttgart Golf Course Kornwestheim; **July 8**, Strasbourg, France city tour and cruise; **July 10**, Kallenberg Knight Tournament; **July 11**, Rhine cruise; **July 12**, Coburg city and fortress; **July 12**, Call DSN 430-8811 for info.

Italy

ITT Gaeta tours and events: **July 2-5**, Calabrian Coast; **Sept. 3-6**, Prague, Czech Republic. Call DSN 627-7632 or CIV 0771-709-632.

ITR Vicenza offers tours and events: **July 1-5**, Berlin, Germany; **July 2**, Medieval times show and dinner; **July 3**, Slovenia beach day express to Portorose; **July 3**, Aquilandia in Jesolo. **July 4**, Call DSN 634-7094.

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Summertime fun has hidden risks, which is why the Army in Europe implemented its summer safety campaign. The campaign promotes key areas of vehicle accident prevention, heat injury prevention, and various aspects of recreation. Automobile safety tips the list, according to USAREUR Safety Manager Dave Scott, citing the deaths of six of our personnel in crashes so far this year - three times more than the same period last year. Scott said Army in Europe members need to make it personal, and consciously anticipate and address driving dangers like autobahn construction sites, where traffic goes, as he put it, from "the speed of light speed to a crawl, and always just around a bend in the road." Driving on secondary roads has been particularly hazardous. Scott says that drivers shouldn't underestimate the time it takes to pass in relation to how far you can see so that you don't misjudge the speed of oncoming traffic. "Soldiers, civilians, and family members need to be prepared and drive defensively. Relax, be patient and enjoy the scenery," Scott said. Good safety tools are available as part of the campaign on the USAREUR home page at <http://www.brookings.army.mil>. You will find tips on trip planning, automated risk assessments and vehicle inspections. Trip planning is especially relevant during the summer travel season. Mr. Mike Willoughby, IMA Europe Safety Manager, emphasizes the need to plan enough time for the return trip. "Don't wait until the last minute to return and then feel the need to speed or drive through the night." In addition to plenty of time, Willoughby suggests some other important planning considerations: Plan travel routes that avoid traffic jams, construction and potentially dangerous areas. Again, check out the USAREUR home page for more safety sense! Know what kind of documents you need to get to your final destination. Be prepared for mechanical and medical emergencies. Make sure you have medical coverage while on vacation. Know how to contact emergency services for your vacation location and en route to and from the vacation location. After you've done your planning, it's time to consider what to pack. In addition to clothes and the latest bestseller, Willoughby suggests the following packing tips to help make your vacation a safer and more pleasant experience: An emergency kit appropriate for your mode of travel to give you peace of mind and perhaps even insure that you make it to your destination. Willoughby also has some suggestions for things to leave behind. Leave a copy of your itinerary, credit card numbers, travel documents, prescriptions, and a spare house key with someone you trust and whom you can reach in an emergency. Safety awareness doesn't stop once you're at your vacation location, says Willoughby "Be Safe and make it home!"

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Volksmarch

Join the Sunny Coyotes of Kaiserslautern next Saturday and Sunday in Lambsborn, Germany, for the club's 12th annual Volksmarch.

The start times for both Saturday and Sunday are 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 5- and 10-kilometer trails and 6 a.m. to noon for the 20-kilometer event. The prize is Burg Grafenstein, the next in the Burgers der Pfalz series of glass beer steins featuring castles in the Rheinland-Pfalz. For more details, check the column next week.

Jennifer West

Support our smallest American volunteer-marching club by not only walking, but donating your time.

They had to move their annual event to Lambsborn this year (or have no walk!) so any assistance you can provide would be appreciated. To volunteer, contact Leonard Cotterell at (+49/0)6337-8732.

■ ■ ■ Miscellaneous notes about this week's Volksmarch events: ■ Young Walkers'-Tour, or Bambini-Liga, credit is available at Aidingen, Eisenbach, Eisenberg, Hunderdorf, Traunreut and Vollmerhausen, Germany. ■ Get a young looking trail figure at Tulfes, Austria this Sunday. He's quite a change from the usual troff! According to the brochure, take the Hall i. Tirol Autobahn exit to reach Tulfes.

■ All three trails at Dachtel, Germany, are listed as stroller-friendly and begin on Sunday between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. Your souvenir will be a figure of a horse pulling two children in a carriage. ■ This weekend you'll find walks in Eisenbach and Eisenberg, Germany. Double check which one you want to attend before you head out. The Wanderfreunde Triest-Neustadt hold the club's walk in Eisenbach this year instead of its usual location; the Wisser Bübe will play for the crowd on Sunday beginning at 11 a.m.

■ Three terra cotta cats are the prize at Altmanshofen, Germany, for this Fourth of July weekend. Saturday's afternoon trails start at noon and take note of the SK and 10K evening walk/rides on Saturday (4-6 p.m.). Sunday's start window for the SK, 10K and 20K is 6 a.m. to noon.

■ The club in Effenbach, Germany, holds a triathlon this weekend. Walk 5, 10 or 20 kilometers. Swim 300 or 500 meters. Bike 25 kilometers. If you choose the triathlon, leave yourself plenty of time to wrap up all activities before the last finish time of 5:30 p.m. A triathlon baseball cap is the souvenir for all events.

■ The Radsporthverein Ritz e.V. Hohenlohn holds its Wednesday event in Jettelbach, Germany. For those in the Kaiserslautern Military Community, I think the easiest way to reach the walk is either via Mackenbach or Weilerbach, then head toward Schwedebach. Next, pick up the signs to Kollweiler; Jettelbach is the next town outside of Kollweiler.

Start at 8:5K and 10K between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. If you can get there before 5 p.m., consider walking the 20K. The finish time is 9 p.m.

■ Notes about walks in Italy from Clark Seidner:

The Bueris walk is a good one and mostly flat. There is a fester foot is available at the end. The Cerea flyer notes the course is mixed gravel and asphalt and goes through the Nature Reserve of Brusa. This walk is in conjunction with a fest, so expect food and entertainment at the end.

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Country/Town	Day(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
Austria						
Hirschbach	Sun 0600-1330	FP	6, 10, 20	Lagerhaus	No award	NE of Linz
Saalfach	The 1000-1500	F	10, 15, 18	Dorflplatz	Souvenir	SW of Berchtesgaden, GE
Saalfach	Fri 0300	F	12 & 17	Dorflplatz	Souvenir	SW of Berchtesgaden, GE
Saalfach	Fri 8 Sat 0830-1200	F	10 & 20	Dorflplatz	Souvenir	SW of Berchtesgaden, GE
Saalfach	Fri 2100	F	10	Dorflplatz	Souvenir	SW of Berchtesgaden, GE
Saalfach	Sat 0830-1200	F	6	Dorflplatz	Souvenir	SW of Berchtesgaden, GE
Saalfach	Sat 0830-1200	F	42	Dorflplatz	Souvenir	SW of Berchtesgaden, GE
Tulfes	Sun 0700-1230	M	5, 10, 20	Verelshaus	Garden dwarf	E of Innsbruck
Belgium						
Hünningen	Sat & Sun 0630-1430	W	4	Saal Concordia	Certificate	SE of Verviers
Hünningen	Sat & Sun 0630-1430	-	7 & 12	Saal Concordia	Certificate	SE of Verviers
Hünningen	Sat & Sun 0630-1200	-	22 & 30	Saal Concordia	Certificate	SE of Verviers
Hünningen	Sat & Sun 0630-1200	F	6, 10, 20	Saal Concordia	Certificate	SE of Verviers
Hünningen	Sat & Sun 0630-0900	M	50	Saal Concordia	Certificate	SE of Verviers
France						
Hombourg-Budange	Sun 0630-1400	F	10	Salle polyvalente	No award	SE of Thionville
Hombourg-Budange	Sun 0630-1200	F	20	Salle polyvalente	No award	SE of Thionville
Menchhofen	Sun 0700-1400	F	10, 20, 30	Salle polyvalente	No award	NW of Haguenau
Niederstiesel	Sun 0700-1400	F	5, 10, 20	Salle des Frides	No award	S of Sarreguines
Germany						
Altmanshofen	Sat 1200-1600, Sun 0600-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Anw. Schmidbauer	Terra cotta cats	SCH, S of Donauwörth
Altmanshofen	Sat 1600-1800	F	5 & 10	Anw. Schmidbauer	Terra cotta cats	SCH, S of Donauwörth
Aitrich	Sat 1300-1700, Sun 0630-1300	F	6 & 10	Aitrich-Halle	No award	RP, NE of Trier
Aitrich	Sat 1300-1700, Sun 0630-1300	F	20	Aitrich-Halle	No award	RP, NE of Trier
Aitrich	Sat 1300-1700, Sun 0630-1300	Bike	25	Aitrich-Halle	No award	RP, NE of Trier
Aitrich	Sat 1300-1500, Sun 0630-1100	Bike	45	Aitrich-Halle	No award	RP, NE of Trier
Beumarais	Sat & Sun 0600-1400	F	5, 10, 20	Mehrzweckhalle	No award	SE of Saarbrücken
Coburg-Wustenhof	Sat & Sun 0600-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Gaststätte Zur Einkehr	Model semi-truck	FRG, SW of Coburg
Dachtel	Sun 0600-1300	BFSX	6, 10, 20	Bürgerhalle	Horse/Wagon figure	BWS, SW of Stuttgart
Hunderdorf	Sat & Sun 0600-1400	F	6, 10, 20	Rehberggrangehall	Stuffed bear	BWN, E of Göttingen
Eisenbach	Sat 1000-1500, Sun 0700-1300	FP	5 & 11	Wolfskühnallee	Straw doll	BWS, SW of Vill.-Schwenningen
Eisenbach	Sat 1000-1400, Sun 0700-1300	FP	20	Wolfskühnallee	Straw doll	BWS, SW of Vill.-Schwenningen
Eisenberg	Sun 0600-1200	BFX	5, 10, 20	Stadion des Friedens	B-medial/wall plate	THS, NW of Gera
Effenbach	Sun 0600-1400	BFX	5, 10, 20	Sportzentrum	Baseball cap	THS, NW of Gera
Effenbach	Sun 0600-1400	Bike	25	Sportzentrum	Baseball cap	BWN, SE of Heidelberg
Effenbach	Sun 0600-1400	chirm	200/500m	Sportzentrum	Baseball cap	BWN, SE of Heidelberg
Fürstendruck	Sat & Sun 0600-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Gertrude Turmhalle	Ceramic dwarf	MOR, W of München
Heiligenwald	Sat & Sun 0600-1400	BFPX3.35 & 10	10, 20, 20	Trabrennbahn	NAR, NW of Neunkirchen	SAR, NW of Neunkirchen
Heiligenwald	Sat & Sun 0600-1300	BFPX3.35 & 10	10, 20, 20	Trabrennbahn	NAR, NW of Neunkirchen	SAR, NW of Neunkirchen
Hunderdorf	Sat 1300-1600, Sun 0530-1100	F	5, 10, 20	Am Bauhof	Nekkerchief	NBR, NE of Straubing
Jettelbach/Pfalz	Wed 0700-1700	BDFX3.65 & 10	10, 20, 20	Sportplatz	Model semi-truck	RP, NW of Kaiserslautern
Jettelbach/Pfalz	Wed 0700-1700	BDFX3.65 & 10	10, 20, 20	Sportplatz	Model semi-truck	RP, NW of Kaiserslautern
Langenlohnheim	Sat 0600-1800, Sun 0600-1400	FP	6, 10, 20	Gemeindehalle	Stuffed bear	RP, S of Bogen
Lauterbach/Maar	Sat 1400-1800, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5 & 10	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medial	HE, NW of Ulm
Lauterbach/Maar	Sat 1400-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	20	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medial	HE, NW of Ulm
Neuhausen	Sat 1200-1430, Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Raderheim	Model semi-truck	BWS, E of Ulm
Neuhausen	Sat 1200-1430, Sun 0700-1300	Bike	25 & 50	Raderheim	Model semi-truck	BWS, E of Ulm
Ober-Ramstadt	Sat 1200-1700, Sun 0600-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Bürgerhaus	Model semi-truck	HE, SE of Darmstadt
Pötenstein	Sat & Sun 0600-1200	FP	5, 10, 20	Volkshaus	Bavarian girl figurine	FRG, SW of Bayreuth
Pötenstein	Sat 0800-1200	FP	5 & 10	Gast. Am Grüngürtel	No award	NBR, N of Traunstein
Trunreut	Sat 1200-1600, Sun 0600-1200	BFX2.85 & 10, 21	10, 20, 20	Sportplatz	B-medial/Wall plate	NBR, N of Traunstein
Vollmerhausen	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX2.85 & 10, 20	10, 20, 20	Schützenhalle	Model train	NBR, W of Ope
Vollmerhausen	Sat & Sun 0600-1500	F	5 & 10	Bürgerhaus	Model semi-truck	RP, S of Montabaur
Winden	Sat & Sun 0600-1300	F	20	Bürgerhaus	Model semi-truck	RP, S of Montabaur
Winden	Sat 1100-1500, Sun 0700-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Jugendheim	Piggy bank	MOR, S of Ingolstadt
Zuchering	Sat 1100-1500, Sun 0700-1200	Bike	25	Jugendheim	Piggy bank	MOR, S of Ingolstadt
Italy						
Bueris	Sun 0830-0930	F	6, 12, 18	Parco Festaggiamenti	Spaghetta/T-shirt	W of Tarcento
Cerea	Sun 0730-0830	FX	5, 12, 20	See misc. notes	T-shirt or tortellini	SE of Verona
Montecchio Prealcino	Sun 0730-0830	F	6, 11, 18	Ospedale Psichiatrico	No award	N of Vicenza
Luxembourg						
Bignville	Sat 1000-1500	F	5 & 10	Follow signs	No award	N of Arlon, BE
Netherlands						
Randstad	Sun 0800-1400	-	10 & 15	Gemeenschaphuis	Sticker	SW of Heeren
Randstad	Sun 0800-1200	-	20 & 25	Gemeenschaphuis	Sticker	SW of Heeren
S. Ollenberg	Sun 0800-1200	-	10 & 15	Café-Zaal Bergeer	Sticker	S of Roer
United Kingdom						
At Gernings	Sun 0800-1000	-	10 & 20	Village Hall	Souvenir	SE of Chippenham
Brandon	Tue 1845-1900	-	10 & 20	Wagon & Horses	No award	SE of Lincoln
Hunston	Sun 0800-1000	-	10	The Plough	No award	SE of Cambridge
Llanrwyt Wells	Sat 0900	-	10 & 15	Neuads Arms Hotel	No award	NE of Carmarthen
Play Hatch	Sun 0900-1000	-	5 & 10	Flowing Spring PH	Souvenir	N of Reading
Saddington	Wed 1800	-	10	Queens Head	No award	SE of Leicester

GENERAL CODES:

B - Awards from past events available (B-medial)

B - Clean-up facilities available at start hall

F - Free refreshment at control points

M - Marathon or long-distance event

P - Music at start hall

S - Stroller-friendly trails

S - Shorter trail is noted as stroller-friendly

X - Award available while supply lasts

W - Route accessible for wheelchair users

2.6 - Start card and B-medial available for 2.60 euros

2.8 - Start card and B-medial available for 2.80 euros

3.3 - Start card and B-medial available for 3.30 euros

3.6 - Start card and B-medial available for 3.60 euros

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HE - Hessen

MVB - München-Oberrhein

MO - Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

NDS - Niedersachsen/Berlin

NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen

NDB - Niedersachsen

OPF - Oberpfalz

RP - Rheinland-Pfalz

SAN - Sachsen-Anhalt

SAR - Saarland

SCH - Schleswig

SCH - Schleswig-Holstein/Hamburg

THS - Thüringen/Sachsen



Rapper Kanye West holds his best new artist award Tuesday after the BET Awards in Los Angeles.

Beyonce, Jay-Z, OutKast take top BET awards

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — R&B diva and actress Beyonce and her rap star boyfriend Jay-Z won separate awards and were honored for their hit song collaboration during Tuesday's 2004 BET Awards honoring musicians, actors and athletes.

Beyonce was named best female R&B artist, and Jay-Z won the award to top male hip-hop artist. They both won for their collaboration on the hit "Crazy in Love."

OutKast won multiple honors for video of the year and best group.

Actress Mo'Nique hosted the awards ceremony at the Kodak Theatre. A lifetime achievement award was given to the Isley Brothers and humanitarian honors were accepted by Danny Glover.

The categories and winners:

- Video of the year: OutKast, "Hey Ya!"
- Group: OutKast
- Male R&B artist: Usher
- Female R&B artist: Beyonce
- Male hip-hop artist: Jay-Z
- Female hip-hop artist: Missy Elliott
- Collaboration: Beyonce with Jay-Z, "Crazy in Love"
- New artist: Kanye West
- Gospel artist: Yolanda Adams
- Actor: Denzel Washington
- Actress: Halle Berry
- Male athlete of the year: LeBron James
- Female athlete of the year: Serena Williams
- Viewer's choice: Usher, featuring Ludacris and Lil Jon, "Yeah!"

Sharpton shapes TV contestants' reality

NEW YORK — Al Sharpton, who failed in his last bid for a new job — U.S. president — now has a job on a reality TV show that guides people on career makeovers. Spike TV, the Viacom cable channel that targets a young male audience, said Sharpton will host "I Hate My Job," premiering in the fall.

The eight male contestants in the show will quit their jobs and work with two "life counselors," Sharpton and California psychologist Stephanie Ray, who will give them advice and weekly assignments. A panel will decide which contestants will continue each week.

From The Associated Press

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://my.afn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2004					
(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 3)	Nightline	Real Sports	The Wild Thornberys	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 3)
9:30 Jackie Chan	Jeopardy!	Al Force TV News	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jackie Chan
10:00 Oprah Winfrey	Wheel of Fortune	Hardball With Chris Matthews	Tennis Wimbledon -- Men's Quarterfinals	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	60 Minutes II	From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England.	Happy Days	Headline News
11:00 General Hospital	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor	The West Wing "Holy Night"	One Tree Hill	ESPN News
12:00 Headline News	Everybody-Ramond	Scrub	SportsCenter	Pacific Report	Everybody-Ramond
12:30 Judge Judy	My Wants to Marry My Dad?	Good Morning America	Auto Racing American Le Mans Series, From Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.	Domick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	Extreme Makeover
13:00 Today Helen Mirren: It's Cozime.	ER "Forgive and Forget"	Headline News	Journeys to the Ends of the Earth	ER "Forgive and Forget"	Pacific Report
13:30 Key Arnold	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Morse: The Werewolf Tongue (1987) John Thaw, Kevin Whately.	The Tonight Show	The Tonight Show
14:00 Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 3)	Late Show	The Early Show	Totally NASCAR	Late Show	Late Show
16:30 Jackie Chan	Access Hollywood	FOX News	Tennis Wimbledon -- Women's Semifinal	The Wild Thornberys	Access Hollywood
17:00 Jeopardy!	Movie *** "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942) James Cagney, Oscar-winning biography of songwriter George M. Cohan.	60 Minutes II	From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Same-day Tape)	SpongeBob	Movie *** "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942) James Cagney, Oscar-winning biography of songwriter George M. Cohan.
18:30 AFN Evening News	Movie *** "Bad Girls" (1994) Madeline Stowe, Mary Stuart Masterson.	FOX News	The West Wing "Holy Night"	Happy Days	Movie *** "Bad Girls" (1994) Madeline Stowe, Mary Stuart Masterson.
19:00 Everybody-Ramond	The Hot List	Headline News	Domick Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	One Tree Hill	The Hot List
20:00 Extreme Makeover	The Hot List	Inside Politics	Journeys to the Ends of the Earth	Happy Days	The Hot List
21:00 ER "Forgive and Forget"	Headline News	Al Force TV News	*** "Inspector Morse: The Werewolf Tongue"	Happy Days	Today Helen Mirren: It's Cozime.
21:30 The Tonight Show	Today Helen Mirren: It's Cozime.	Lester Holt	The Hot List	*** "Inspector Morse: The Werewolf Tongue"	Today Helen Mirren: It's Cozime.
22:00 Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
22:30 The Tonight Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
23:00 Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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00:00 (11:30) Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	*** "Inspector Morse: The Werewolf Tongue"	(11:00) Today Helen Mirren: It's Cozime.
00:30 Access Hollywood	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	Sports Reporters	The Wild Thornberys	Sesame Street (E)
1:00 Movie *** "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942) James Cagney, Oscar-winning biography of songwriter George M. Cohan.	Sesame Street (E)	ABC World News	Totally NASCAR	SpongeBob	Movie *** "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942) James Cagney, Oscar-winning biography of songwriter George M. Cohan.
1:30 Little Bill	Little Bill	CBS Evening News	Countdown With Kanan	The Simpsons	Little Bill
2:30 George M. Cohan	George M. Cohan	WNSA Basketball	Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Happy Days	Wheel of Fortune
3:00 Movie *** "Bad Girls" (1994) Madeline Stowe, Mary Stuart Masterson.	Dr. Phil	Hannity & Colmes	The Dead Zone "The Storm"	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil
4:00 Oprah Winfrey	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Rodeo PRCA	Boston Public "Chapter Eighteen"	Oprah Winfrey
4:30 Headline News	NBC Nightly News	BET Nightly News	Rodeo PRCA	The Crocodile Hunter "Suburban Killers"	NBC Nightly News
5:00 ESPN News	Access Hollywood	Larry King Live	Baseball Tonight	World-Wildlife	Access Hollywood
6:00 Headline News	Guiding Light	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	ESPN News	Guiding Light	Guiding Light
7:00 Sesame Street (E)	General Hospital	PrimeTime Thursday	Totally NASCAR	Buff the Vampire Slayer "As You Were"	General Hospital
8:00 Little Bill	PrimeTime Thursday	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter	The X-Files "Arcadia"	House of Mouse
8:30 Wheel of Fortune	Rock's Modern Life	Nightline	Golf	The Wild Thornberys	Ozzy & Drix
9:00 Dr. Phil	The Mummy	Headline News	Headline News	SpongeBob	As Told by Ginger
9:30 As Told by Ginger	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews	Happy Days	Happy Days	Headline News
10:00 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	PrimeTime Thursday	The Dead Zone "The Storm"	Headline News	Headline News
11:00 General Hospital	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor	Boston Public "Chapter Eighteen"	Headline News	Headline News
12:00 Headline News	The Simpsons	Good Morning America	SportsCenter	The Crocodile Hunter "Suburban Killers"	The Apprentice
12:30 Judge Judy	Malcolm in the Middle	The Apprentice	Tennis Wimbledon -- Men's Semifinal	World-Wildlife	Alas! Crossings
13:00 Today Carson Daly, Jane Green.	The District	The Early Show	From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Same-day Tape)	Animal Adventures (E)	Alas! Crossings
14:00 The District	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Buff the Vampire Slayer "As You Were"	Headline News
14:30 House of Mouse	The Tonight Show	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	The X-Files "Arcadia"	The Tonight Show
15:00 Rock's Modern Life	Ozzy & Drix	Late Show	Totally NASCAR	Late Show	Late Show
16:00 As Told by Ginger	Headline News	Headline News	Tennis Wimbledon -- Women's Semifinal	The Wild Thornberys	Access Hollywood
17:00 Jeopardy!	Headline News	Headline News	From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Same-day Tape)	The Simpsons	Movie *** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1986) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Swirls band together to reveal an alien invasion.
18:00 ESPN News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	PrimeTime Thursday	Happy Days	Headline News
18:30 AFN Evening News	Movie *** "What Women Want" (2000) Mel Gibson. A chauvinistic ad executive can suddenly read women's minds.	FOX News	FOX News	Headline News	Headline News
19:00 The Simpsons	Movie *** "Batman: Mask of the Phantasm" (1993) Dana Delany	Headline News	Headline News	Boston Public "Chapter Eighteen"	Movie *** "Batman: Mask of the Phantasm" (1993) Dana Delany
19:30 Malcolm in the Middle	Headline News	Inside Politics	Headline News	The Crocodile Hunter "Suburban Killers"	Today Carson Daly, Jane Green.
20:00 The Apprentice	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	World-Wildlife	Today Carson Daly, Jane Green.
21:00 Alas! Crossings	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Animal Adventures (E)	Today Carson Daly, Jane Green.
21:30 Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Buff the Vampire Slayer "As You Were"	Today Carson Daly, Jane Green.
22:00 The Tonight Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
22:30 Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News

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BY LUAINE LEE

Knight Ridder/Tribune

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Samantha Mathis should have known better, but she became an actress anyway. Mathis, who has costarred in films like "Pump Up the Volume," "The American President" and "American Psycho," is both the daughter and the granddaughter of actresses.

Still, she says she knew she wanted to perform when she was 12.

"My parents divorced when I was young, so I spent a lot of time with my mom on location, on sets, in trailers, at acting classes. My life has been spent in the industry. I did a play when I was 12 and it was really this sort of transcendent experience. And then I remember spending that summer between grade school and junior high school, there was a little-known cable station called HBO that was running 'Scarface' and 'Dog Day Afternoon' back-to-back all summer," she says.

"And I just was SO blown away by how different Al Pacino was in those two films, it really impressed me. And then there were a slew of Meryl Streep films that started coming on, and I just became entranced with the craft of acting and announced to my mother at 12 that that's what I wanted to do."

Of course, her mother, Bibi Besch ("Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"), told her no. "In her brilliance, she said, 'Go study, take a class,' and then sort of made me jump through a series of hoops."

At 34, Mathis has mastered the hoop-jumping, and her performance in TNT's spooky "Salem's Lot," which recently aired in the States, proves it. As a waitress who joins neighbors (Rob Lowe, Andre Braugher and Donald Sutherland) in trying to uncover a murky evil that is metastasizing in a bucolic town, she adds just the right touch of innocence.

"I'd never done this genre before; never done a thriller or horror, so I was excited to take a crack at a different style of acting and filmmaking — to be in a Stephen King adaptation — which I hadn't done."

There are certain things that every actor wants to do. Every actor wants to do a Woody Allen movie and to do a Stephen King as well. It's an honor to be part of this legacy," she says, seated on an ivory-colored chenille love-seat in a hotel room here.

"My life has been spent in the industry."

Mathis on growing up in Hollywood

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When Mathis was 16 her mother rented, agreeing to permit her daughter to try her hand at acting. "At that point a lot of my friends in the business knew I was interested and said to me, 'Let me know when you want to start working and I'll bring you in. I'll be your agent in a trial basis and see how it goes.' And I booked a job in three months. I did a pilot for a TV series."

She played an Amish girl in the family drama "Aaron's Way," which starred Martin Olsen and suffered a short shelf-life. When she was 19 she costarred in the film "Pump Up the Volume," a solid hit which earned her an envious reputation and coupled her romantically with costar Christian Slater.

Though she has been linked with actors Noah Wyle, River Phoenix and Slater, she says she's having second thoughts. "It's hard to date, and to date in L.A. I don't really identify it with being harder as a famous person. And maybe I'm still naive in that way, but it's just hard to meet people," she shrugs.

"And I think in this town it's just hard to meet a guy who wants to settle down. That's my experience. People come here to seek fame and fortune and have very sexy lives. I'm sure there are great guys out there and I've dated a few, but I find it hard to meet people here in general that are interested in getting married and building a life and not just in being wildly successful in their career, not being the head of a studio or doing a 23-year-old and have a fast car."

Mathis' mother died of cancer eight years ago. Losing her mom transformed her, she says. "It made me really stop and take stock of my life. It changed my course. I've always been someone who was seeking now I'm even more on that path, seeking and trying to unearth whatever issues were there and heal wounds from childhood, and I think it made me take more notice of my health."

"Unfortunately, there are gifts you get in the loss of someone in your life that you say you'll hold onto, and they sort of come and go," she says.

"And I think it showed me the non-linearity of life. Maybe from watching so many movies and growing up with so many TV shows and films and having my mind saturated with them I like to think of life sort of working in neat ways. And I remember going through the mourning for my mother and thinking, 'OK, I'll get through that first year through the first birthday, Christmas, Mother's Day and I'll get better.' And it just doesn't work that way."



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Techno and punk rule Mermaid Parade

Moby, Dick and a Lunachick celebrated a rite of summer in Brooklyn's annual Mermaid Parade, joining about 1,500 people who marched along the Coney Island boardwalk, many in nautical dress.

Techno artist Moby and punk rocker Theo Kogan of the Lunachicks were crowned as King Neptune and Queen Mermaid at the 22nd annual event on Saturday. Moby thanked the cheering crowd, joking that he was "enjoying the fruits of my power."

The parade is the creation of the tattooed and goateed Dick Zigun, who marched beneath a top hat.

Mermaids were joined by walking cans of tuna, and several participants — including one in a gorilla costume — rode in a hearse. Sean Allison, 35, sat on the hood.

"It was a howl," Allison said. "It was awesome."



Moby

Lang and Shepard sell estate

Oscar winner Jessica Lange and her companion, the playwright Sam Shepard, are selling the estate where they have lived for nine years.

The 12-room Victorian mansion, which sits on a 2½-acre site overlooking the St. Croix River in Stillwater, Minn., has been on the market since mid-May with an asking price of \$3.3 million.

"It's a remarkable property in every respect," said real estate agent Sharon O'Flannigan, who is handling the sale.

In 1995, Lange and Shepard paid \$415,000 for the house — a former bed-and-breakfast built in 1892 atop one of Stillwater's highest points — and \$125,000 for adjoining property.



Lange

Texan crowned Junior Miss America

Texan Shannon Essenpreis was crowned America's Junior Miss after belting out a Broadway showtune and soaring through interviews with her "bubbly" personality in Mobile, Ala.

Essenpreis was crowned Saturday night, television viewers won't see it until July as producers switch to a "reality TV" format. PAX Network camera crews followed the 50 contestants for two weeks leading up to Saturday's contest.

Essenpreis was among five finalists who were given on-the-spot questions tailored to their individual interests. She was asked how she would use the enthusiasm she's displayed as her school's mascot into her planned career as a broadcast journalist.

Essenpreis won a \$50,000 scholarship.



Essenpreis

Brick heats up firefighting exhibit

Survivor winner Amber Brick added a little heat to a local museum's firefighting exhibit.

Brick, who got \$1 million and a fiancée while winning "Survivor All-Stars," donated bikinis she wore on the show for the display — and helped draw 200 people Saturday to an exhibit celebrating firefighters in her western hometown of Beaver, Pa.

"Those guys [firefighters] are the real survivors," Brick said. "They're out in the community every day, and they deserve a lot of credit for the work they do."

Officials with the Beaver Area Historical Museum did their best to find a link between the 25-year-old reality-show contestant and the 170-year history of firefighting in the area.

"There are people making history right now in 2004, and Amber is certainly one of those," explained Mark Minor, a museum board member.

Brick's display includes bikinis she wore on "Survivor Australian Outback" and "Survivor All-Stars," a boomerang from an immunity challenge, a leather canteen and a blindfold.

Photos and stories from The Associated Press



Brick

OPINION

Politics notwithstanding, root for handover

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Pray that it helps.
Pray that it holds.
Pray that Monday, June 28, when limited sovereignty returned to bloodied Iraq, will be remembered a year from now, a generation from now, as a great day for Iraq, and a good one for the United States.

If not — if June 28 becomes only a blip in a careening tale of civil strife and terrorist violence — then the Bush administration's flawed policy in Iraq will have been a failed policy. In that unhappy case, Americans will inhabit a much riskier world.

But the flaws have not yet made utter failure inevitable. A stable Iraq could still emerge, if just barely, from the present chaos. If that occurs, the world may yet come to honor the earnest, heroic efforts of many Americans to bring that result about.

So view this transition as a new phase of American commitment in Iraq, not as an abrupt end to a bad dream. The passions of a presidential campaign should not obscure the United States' ethical and pragmatic imperative to keep doing what it can to promote stability in Iraq.

The campaign poses a moral dilemma for those who would like to see the Bush team receive voters' censure for its myriad deceptions and blunders.

Yes, the worse it goes in Iraq, the more the president's poll number will dip. But the worse things go in Iraq, the more real people suffer real hurt and anguish, the more America's moral standing sinks, and the

more its exposure as a terror target grows. President Bush will face judgment on Election Day, but voters should try to cord off that event from judgments of what's best for Iraq policy.

Monday's gambit of turning over sovereignty two days ahead of schedule was clever and useful.

It probably won't forestall all the violence that insurgents planned for the occasion. But the eagerness of Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to speed the turnover sends a signal to weary Iraqis that the interim government is ready and confident. The signal may be as much illusion as substance but, in politics, illusion matters.

That's why the Bush administration orchestrated the timing so that the president could announce it at a NATO summit in nervous Turkey.

That's why L. Paul Bremer, head of the occupation, high-tailed it out of Baghdad. His rapid departure implied that the sovereignty of Allawi's regime is less trampled and dependent on the United States than it actually is.

Before he got out of Dodge, Bremer showed the limits of the sovereignty by executing a last-minute burst of rulemaking. Bremer enacted statutes, meant to be binding, about everything from election law to maximum tax rates to the honking of car horns.

Those laws illustrate one of the vexing ironies of this liberation-con-occupation: We want Iraqis to enjoy the fruits of democracy and self-determination, but only in



ways we deem good for them (and us).

Another irony: Allawi & Co. enter a situation so perilous that many Iraqis yearn more for authoritarian firmness than for democratic dialogue.

Pray that Allawi can somehow find the right ways to exploit U.S. military clout

and money to help him stabilize Iraq, while sending his people and the rest of the Islamic world a message that Iraqis are back in charge.

The alternative, a bloody civil war that much of the world would blame on the United States, is awful to contemplate.

When tide lifts all, don't worry about size of boat

BY RICHARD A. EPSTEIN

It should come as no surprise that human beings are often more concerned with where they stand relative to others than they are with where they stand overall. It's a human characteristic to judge ourselves by our neighbors, by our classmates and colleagues, by the living standards of other cities and other countries.

To some degree, this is reasonable. No worker wants to be paid less than his or her co-worker for the same work. And there's much to be learned about our condition by seeing how others live, both in Beverly Hills and Botswana.

But in the long run, does it really make sense to judge our lives against the lives of others? Should we mark our progress relative to those around us or in terms of absolute progress? Consider the following example: One representative English study of infant mortality, the Acheson Report, reported deaths per 1,000 in Yorkshire in 1900 that ranged from 247 for the poorest working-class groups to 94 for the wealthiest. That's a ratio of about 2.5 to 1.

Today, a century later, the Acheson Report finds that the ratio remains 2.5 to 1. That's clearly outrageous. Although 100 years has passed, the poor still die in infancy at a rate more than double that of the rich.

But now consider that although the ratio remains the same, the top 10 percent of the low-income group from 247 deaths per 1,000 in 1900 to 8.1 per 1,000 in 2000. And from 94 deaths per 1,000 to 3.1 per 1,000 for the wealthy. In other words, for both groups, the rate is now about 30 times lower than it was.

My question is this: Why worry about the persistence of inequality in the face of such massive improvement across the entire spectrum? And why worry when, in absolute terms, the improvements are far greater for the least fortunate classes than for the rich?

Here's another example: The single best

measure of human progress in the United States during the last century has been an improvement in longevity. Life expectancy moved up about 30 years between 1900 and 2000, from about 47 in 1900 to 65 in 1950, to 77 years today — a greater increase (from a higher base no less) than took place in the entire previous 3,000 years. With that improvement came massive advances in general fitness; today, the average person at the age of 60 is about as healthy as a person at 45 only half a century ago.

These benefits are not confined to the United States. If anything, even more dramatic advances have taken place along the globe.

Worldwide life expectancy has increased from 30 in 1900 to 46 in 1950 to about 66 today.

Stunning progress. Of course, if you look at longevity today in relative terms, the picture is a low morale depressing. Terrible inequalities still exist — between racial groups,

between income groups, from the First World to the Third World. But it's also true that people live a lot longer now than when they did a century ago.

In the end, which would you prefer: Would you rather die at age 50, as long as everyone else does too, or would you rather live to 70, even if everyone else lives to 80? At this point, the theory of relative preferences presumes that rational individuals are happy to cut off their noses to spite their faces. To accept this definition of human progress treats equality not as a test of opportunities for advancement, but rather a giant vice that holds everyone back until the least-advanced gain equal life chances. Would anyone really prefer overall infant mortality rates of 94 (the best cohort in 1900) or the current streak of 8.1 to 3.1 that we have today?

The same is true, by the way, for income inequality. Yes, over time the rich get richer. But it does not necessarily follow that the poor get poorer. In fact, over the long run,

the rich have gotten richer and the poor have gotten richer as well. Thus it makes no sense to quake with each revelation that the rich have increased their share of wealth. Rather ask the question whether this comes at the expense of others, or whether it is part of a rising tide that raises all ships.

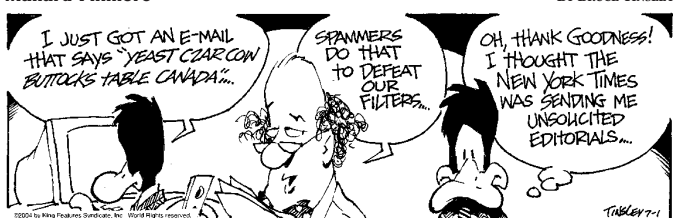
The threat of skepticism to human progress must be rejected. In its place I adopt what might be termed a "non-envy principle": If there are two states of the world, such that everyone in state A is better (or at least as well) off as everyone in state B, then choose world A, even if the resulting inequalities leave some people envious.

Don't groan because Bill Gates is richer than the average Microsoft employee — instead, celebrate the productive processes that continue to bring substantial benefits to all of us across the board.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Horoscope

As we build toward the full moon tomorrow, it gets more difficult to keep calm, especially where love is concerned. Capricorn lunar energy takes the edge off, though! Romance seems something to rush into with open arms. You'll come out of this just fine as long as it doesn't include running off to Vegas to get married or spending big bucks.

TODAY'S BUCKS

(July 1) It's impressive how well you're able to provide for yourself and loved ones this year! A financial breakthrough this month starts in your mind — once you make it true there, the whole thing falls into place systematically. In August, you're passionate, attracting new partners in business and pleasure.

Aries and Pisces are terrific romantic prospects.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Listening to folks around the water cooler is dangerous. Some people love to scare others by talking about all that has gone wrong and could go wrong in the world. You're highly susceptible, so run away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Be gentle, and refuse to let heavy thoughts ruin your life. It's a good time to get out and see a comedy, spend time with funny friends, or simply resolve to see the humor around you. Team up for an expedition into uncharted territory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

The most challenging way to think today is also the one that will bring you the most success, and that's long term. You're an ace at coming up with the thing that's the most fun in the moment. But fun isn't always good for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You may feel like taking a break from the maddening crowd with a solitary day at home with your thoughts. You have the energy and stamina needed to tackle any obstacle, even those complications conjured in your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Any-thing goes — anything but what

you're supposed to be doing, that is. Get down to work anyhow. Your job de-vire helps you leave your mark. People will exclaim, "What style! What charisma!" and you could even get a date out of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're introspective. It's difficult to see how your situation is really going to change much. The tide comes in, the tide goes out, just as it has since the beginning of the Earth. Your time alone is precious. Guard it.

Joyce Jilison



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

This is a day of second chances for you! If you regret exchanging harsh words with a friend, you can take them back. If you wish you hadn't signed that contract, you could get a chance at renegotiation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Be careful not to let intense emotions get the better of you. You receive the deep satisfaction of delayed gratification. Search for the inspiration you will need to attain the goals you've set for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're probably driving yourself so hard because it's easier than trying to get others to do things. Leave the drama for people who get energy like you. You're really drained by unnecessary theatrics.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Top-notch progress can be made because you've streamlined your approach. Your passion is teamed with efficiency. Any steps you take to make conditions more aesthetically gratifying are especially lucky.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're bright and filled with ideas, so be sure and write them down, lest they be forgotten. This afternoon, energy will dip. Let someone else carry the ball while you recharge your emotional and physical battery.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Life seems like one yearning after the next, always just out of reach, but this is what keeps you moving and growing. Keep learning about the amazingly unique individual you are! Self-discovery leads to lasting love.

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Calvin and Hobbes



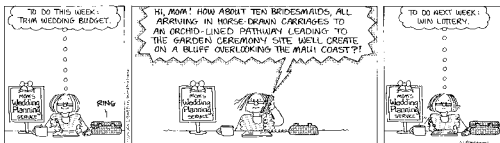
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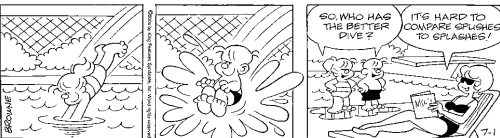
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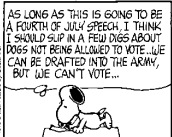
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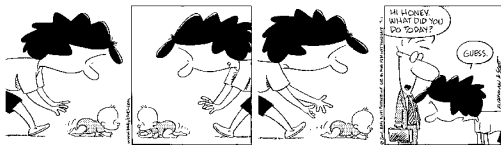
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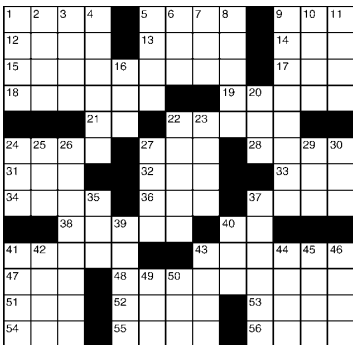
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- 13 Painter's calculation
- 14 Filch
- 15 Party-line problem
- 17 Inseparable
- 18 Chopping spree?
- 19 Supporter of the arts
- 21 Young on the mound
- 22 Mile units
- 24 St. Louis landmark
- 27 Mail de —
- 28 With competence
- 31 Postal Creed word
- 32 Violinist Kafavian
- 33 Swabbie's agreement

Down

- 1 Otis Redding's perch
- 2 Taj Mahal city
- 3 "Love — Leave Me"
- 4 Seder time
- 5 Making everybody wait
- 6 George's brother
- 7 HUD Secretary Martinez
- 8 He's rolling in dough
- 9 Hurdle part
- 10 Corn recipe
- 11 Slain shepherd
- 12 Dirty place
- 13 Computer language
- 22 Bumpybody
- 23 Saharan
- 24 Reply (Abbr.)
- 25 Deterioration
- 26 Medieval weapon
- 27 Timbuktu's country
- 28 Cautic solution
- 30 Still
- 33 Drenched
- 37 Random acts of kindness
- 39 Bushel quarters
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- 41 Implore
- 42 Staffer
- 43 "When the Frost — the Punkin"
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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MANY VITTE STATISTICS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals S

Older citizens not yet 'doddering'

Dear Abby: After reading your comment to "Young and in Love in Toronto" — the 26-year-old woman who's in love with a 50-year-old man — I was so hot under the collar that I had to take my dog for a two-mile walk, then cut and split a cord of wood in order to cool off. You see, I'll be 84 this year, so according to you, I am "doddering." I walk 18 holes of golf, square dance every Friday and alternate Saturday nights, am active in the community and am part-time editor of our local seniors newsletter. And this doddering octogenarian is being married this month to my square dance partner of the last four years, who is 18 years younger.

I hope you get a ton of mail from other doddering octogenarians.

— Bob F., Claremont, Calif.

Dear Bob: Did I ever. I had no

idea there was so many active seniors until I used the "doddering" I deserved 80 lashes with a wet noodle, and I got it. Read on:

Dear Abby: My father is running, not "doddering,"

Dear Abby



through his later years. I wouldn't be surprised if he lives to be 100. At 80, dear old Dad went to Mongolia, slept in tents and rode camels. He still works a full-time job, travels around the country and writes articles. He fishes, and walks an 18-hole golf course once a week. His cholesterol is only 135, and his cardiologist says his heart is as healthy as it can be for an 82-year-old. Please re-think your advice to "Young and in Love." You never know — that man might outlive her!

— Cathy U., Chocktaw, Okla.

Dear Cathy U.: You're right.

No one has a contract with God.

Mom out to revive daughter's marriage

Dear Annie: I have been separated from my husband, "Lester," for three months. We've been married nearly four years, but we both have come to the conclusion that it would be best if we divorced. There are no children involved.

Lester and I still talk to each other and are on very good terms.

Because of this, my mother keeps trying to get us back together. I've explained why a divorce is the right decision, but it's almost as if Mom would rather see me married and miserable than divorced and happy.

Frankly, I think she is worried about what other people will think of her if her daughter is divorced.

I don't want to stop speaking to my mother, but I refuse to live my life for her. Any suggestions?

— Happiness Lost

Dear Happiness Lost: Since you and Lester presumably will be divorced soon, there's no point getting worked up over your

Annie's Mailbox



mother's attitude. It isn't necessary for her to agree with you.

Simply say, "I realize we don't see eye-to-eye on this. Mother, so we won't discuss it further." Then change the subject or walk away.

Once the divorce is final, hopefully your mother will stop nagging you to get back together, because by then, it will be too late for her to change what people think.

Dear Annie: Several years ago, my brother, sister and I lost both our parents within six months of each other. My brother was supposed to be executor of the estate, but since he lives in Canada, a judge named me co-executor (Mom and Dad lived in the United States and so do I).

Most of the work fell on my shoulders, and my brother did as little as possible. The final settlement caused a lot of hard feelings. My sister and I remain close, but my brother has not

spoken to me since.

This breaks my heart. I have tried to contact him, but he will not take my calls or answer my e-mails. I love my brother and miss him a lot. How can I make this better?

— Younger Sister

Dear Sister: We're assuming you received more money than your brother, most likely from the work you did on the estate as co-executor. If that's the case, the only way your brother will "forgive" you is if you make it up to him financially, unfair though that may be. It is entirely up to you to decide if it's worth it.

If that is not the case, and your brother simply is miffed that you usurped his role as sole executor, there is little you can do. We suggest you ask your sister to be an intermediary to let your brother know how much you miss him, and hope for the best.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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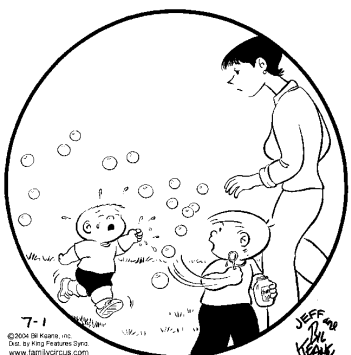
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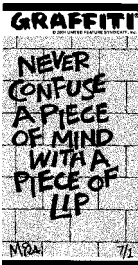
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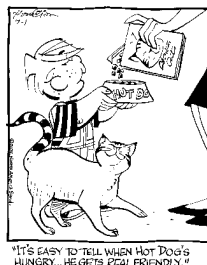
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The Far Side



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94-year-old Berlin citizen Siegfried Eifrig shows his Olympic torch, which he carried in 1936 for the Olympic Games in Berlin, as he watches the Olympic torch relay for the Athens 2004 Games from the Berlin Olympic stadium to the Brandenburg Gate on Wednesday.

Olympic torch relay spirits through Berlin

BY TANIA RALLI
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Thousands of spectators lined out Wednesday as the Olympic flame returned to Berlin, the site of the first modern torch relay more than six decades ago.

Former ice skating gold medalist Katarina Witt was among more than 130 who ran with the torch on its 32-mile trip through the German capital, starting at the Olympic Stadium—an imposing limestone monolith built by the Nazis for the 1936 Games.

"The idea behind the worldwide torch relay is to unite people in the friendly spirit of the Olympic Games," German Interior Minister Otto Schily, who is also the sports minister, said as the flame left the stadium on a seven-hour relay to Berlin's signature Brandenburg Gate.

Dozens of the bystanders waved homemade Greek flags to

mark this summer's Athens Games, which open Aug. 13. Some rode alongside the runners on bicycles.

The 1936 Games, in which black American runner and long-jumper Jesse Owens made a mockery of Adolf Hitler's beliefs of Aryan superiority by winning four gold medals, saw the introduction of the torch relay. It was memorialized in Leni Riefenstahl's film "Olympia."

This year, the torch started its journey March 25 in the Games' ancient birthplace at Olympia, Greece. It will return to Greece July 9, making its way to Athens for the opening in August.

Berlin is the 28th city on the flame's 33-city tour. It was the torch's second stop in Germany, following a visit Tuesday to Munich, the site of the 1972 Games.

The flame has been traveling aboard a jumbo jet painted in Olympic colors and dubbed "Zeus." Its next stop will be the Swedish capital, Stockholm.

Spain heat wave kills 1

MADRID, Spain — Electricity demand reached record heights Wednesday as Spaniards switched on fans and air conditioners to cope with a heat wave, and a man died of a heat stroke, officials said.

The 48-year-old man who died in Ciudad Real, south of Madrid, after bicycling the day before was thought to be the first victim of the heat wave this year.

Demand for electricity surged to 36,700 megawatts Wednesday afternoon, as temperatures in cen-

tral and southern Spain neared 104 degrees Fahrenheit and people began turning up air conditioners.

The electricity jump led to limited power outages, said Carmen Salgado of the Electrical Network of Spain, the national power grid owner and operator.

Last summer, the government said 141 people died from a similar heat wave.

National statistics show, however, that 12,000 people died during the three summer months last year, though it stressed not all could be traced to the heat.

From The Associated Press

U.S. military leaves first outpost in Eastern Europe

BY KARL PETER KIRK
The Associated Press

TASZAR, Hungary — The U.S. military said farewell Wednesday to its first East European outpost, a base that evolved from a jump-off point for NATO in Bosnia to a training site for Iraqi exiles returning to their homeland.

A Hungarian military bugler played the Last Post as the U.S. flag was lowered at Kiszepes Base in Tazsar after flying alongside the Hungarian and NATO flags for much of the past nine years.

Soviet-era warplanes on the Tarmac flanked the U.S. officials participating in the ceremony, in

a reminder of the base's Cold-War past.

"I hand this flag to you as a symbol of the warm friendship between your country and mine," U.S. Ambassador George H. Walker told Hungarian base commander Lt. Col. Sandor Kisbenedek. Tazsar, he said, had been a "key" base in supporting U.S. operations in this region and beyond.

Some 100,000 U.S. troops have passed through the Tazsar air base, 120 miles southeast of Budapest, since the U.S. deployed here in December 1995 to supply NATO-led troops in Bosnia.

Last year, the U.S. military used the base to train Iraqi exiles who volunteered to help them in Iraq.

Adm. John W. Goodwin of the U.S. military's European command spoke of the symbolic significance of Tazsar in comments at the ceremony.

"This was the first presence of a NATO member state in a country that once belonged to the Warsaw Pact," he said, referring to the Soviet-led military alliance that collapsed in 1991 in East Europe's transition to democracy.

The United States decided to leave as part of its ongoing review of defense strategies, Goodwin told The Associated Press after the ceremony.

The largely U.S.-backed NATO peacemaking mission in Bosnia will be taken over by the European Union at the end of the year.

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STARS & STRIPES

McGrady for Francis gets finalized

BY JOEL ANDERSON
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Forget about Hollywood. The NBA's most intriguing duo now belongs to Houston.

League scoring leader Tracy McGrady will team with 7-foot-5 center Yao Ming next season after being traded to the Rockets on Tuesday in a blockbuster deal that sends Steve Francis to the Orlando Magic.

The trade, in the works for nearly two weeks, also sent forward Juwan Howard and guards Tyrone Lue and Reece Gaines to the Rockets.

The trade got guard Cuttino Mobley and forward Kelvin Cato in return.

"I just knew it was going to take time," McGrady told ESPN on Tuesday night. "I'm happy and it's time to move on."

The trade was finalized after Francis met with Magic General Manager John Weisbord and other team officials in Orlando on Tuesday. The Rockets were to introduce McGrady, Howard, Lue and Gaines on Wednesday.

McGrady, a two-time scoring champion, now joins Yao to form an All-Star combination that could be as dominant as the Los Angeles Lakers' championship twosome of Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

"I sure hope so," McGrady said. "I can't predict the future, but it definitely would be nice. The ultimate goal is to win a championship for the Houston Rockets."

And with the Lakers splintering apart since losing in this year's NBA Finals, Houston immediately looks like a serious contender in the Western Conference.



New Magic players, from left, Steve Francis, Kevin Cato, and Cuttino Mobley hold up their new jerseys.

The Rockets' union figures to be much more harmonious than the one in Los Angeles.

McGrady signed with the Magic in 2000, thinking he and Grant Hill could push an up-and-coming squad over the top. But Hill's injured left ankle limited him to 37 games in four seasons, and McGrady's load grew heavier each year.

Tired of carrying a mediocre franchise, McGrady vowed to exercise the opt-out clause in his contract that was to go into effect at the end of next season. Orlando wasn't going to let him leave without compensation — like O'Neal did eight years ago.

McGrady, 25, becomes the fourth defending scoring champion in NBA history to be dealt

away, and the first since the Buffalo Braves sent Bob McAdoo to the New York Knicks in 1976.

Francis, a three-time All-Star, averaged 16.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and 6.2 assists last season to join Oscar Robertson, Magic Johnson and Hill as the only players to average at least 15 points, five rebounds and five assists in each of their first five NBA seasons.

Francis, Mobley and Yao led the Rockets to the playoffs last season for the first time in five years. Houston lost to Los Angeles in the first round.

But Francis, who flourished in an up-tempo offense for the previous four years, was put on the trading block after posting the most offensive numbers of his career in new coach Jeff Van Gundy's slower-paced scheme.

When the deal was first discussed, Francis balked at joining the rebuilding Magic. But Francis' agent, Jeff Fried, said a talk between the point guard and Weisbord after Thursday's draft helped alleviate some of Francis' concerns about joining the Magic.

"I think he's very excited about this new beginning. I think he's going to a city that wants to have a sizzling new beginning," Fried told The Associated Press early Wednesday. "The only disappointment was that maybe he should have been more of a part of the process, from the Houston end."

Mobley, one of Francis' best friends, comes to Orlando after averaging 17.1 points and four rebounds a game in six seasons with the Rockets.

Network saluting athletes who served

Stars and Stripes

College Sports Television will pay tribute to the U.S. armed forces with "From Ballfields to Battlefields," a documentary about student-athletes who have served their country during times of war that will premiere on American Forces Network on Saturday, July 3.

The documentary will air in Europe at 7:30 a.m. Saturday on AFN Sports and 8:30 p.m. Saturday on AFN-Pacific.

"From Ballfields to Battlefields" is part of "Sports and Stripes: CSTV's Salute to the Armed Forces," the network's July 2 tribute to servicemembers comprising athletic events featuring service academy athletes, features on athletes from Army, Navy and Air Force, and greetings from servicemembers deployed to Iraq to their families and friends. Much of the programming will be available on AFN.

"Ballfields to Battlefields" is CSTV's way of honoring the legacy of [former NFL player killed in Iraq] Pat Tillman and other student-athletes who have put their lives on the line," CSTV President and CEO Brian Bedard said in a news release. "The attributes that make these college athletes successful on the ball field — teamwork, discipline and loyalty — are invaluable exemplars on the battlefield."

Among those profiled:

■ Nile Kinich, the 1939 Heisman Trophy-winning halfback from Iowa who joined the Naval Air Corps reserve after college and was killed in 1943 when his fighter plane crashed during a World War II training flight.

■ Matt Shefic, the University of Vermont basketball player who enrolled in the Army a week after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant and after graduating from college and being deployed in Afghanistan later this year.

■ Bob Johnson and Cortez Watson. Johnson, who has more than 300 wins as the men's basketball coach at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, was a Ranger platoon leader with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. Watson, who played basketball at the National Guard at college and was sent to Iraq in 2003. He has since returned to the States and will resume his college athletic career in the fall.

■ Tillman, the former Arizona State football star and Arizona Cardinals safety who was killed in April while serving in Afghanistan.

■ Hobey Baker, the captain of his Princeton hockey and football teams and World War I hero who was killed in an airplane crash in 1918, just before his scheduled return from Europe.

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Parasite apparently behind Giambi's slump

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ailing Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi was diagnosed with parasites and out of the starting lineup Tuesday night when New York played Boston.

When asked specifically what the doctor told him, Giambi said he didn't remember.

"I don't have a Ph.D. and I'm not world renowned," Giambi said.

The former All-MVP said he'd been feeling exhausted for about three weeks. He began taking a new set of antibiotics Tuesday and said a doctor told him he should feel better within a couple of days.

"There should be no reason for being this exhausted," Giambi said. "I'm 33, not 50."

Giambi has one hit in 14 at-bats and is in a 13-for-65 rut. He hasn't homered since hitting his 11th of the season on June 20, and his average has dropped from .271 on June 7 to .237.

"One sort of explains it to be more than a slump," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Reports: Cleanmons to interview at Ohio St.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Los Angeles Lakers assistant Jim Cleanmons is in the mix of candidates Ohio State is considering for its men's basketball coach, according to published and unreported reports.

Meanwhile, Rice coach Willis Wilson interviewed with Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger on Tuesday in Dallas, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Wednesday editions. Wilson characterized Tuesday's meeting as "an opportunity for everyone to sit down and get to know each other," the newspaper said.

Sports briefs

Cleanmons, 54, is a 1971 graduate of Ohio State and he has been an assistant at Ohio State and Furman and coached at Youngstown State.

He left Youngstown State after two years and a 12-24 record to return to Chicago in the NBA as an assistant. He coached Dallas to 28-70 record in 1996 and 97.

Cleanmons is one of several candidates whose name has been mentioned in connection with the job.

WCPO-TV in Cincinnati reported on Monday that Ohio State has asked Xavier for permission to interview coach Thad Matta, who led the Musketeers to the NCAA regional finals this year where they lost to Duke.

Ohio State and Xavier had no comment on Tuesday.

Yanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings also is being considered for the job.

Hurricanes sign O'Neill to one-year deal

RALEIGH, N.C. — Right wing Jeff O'Neill and the Carolina Hurricanes agreed to terms Tuesday on a one-year contract that will keep the former All-Star with the franchise that drafted him 10 years ago.

O'Neill had more than 60 points and led the team in goals each season from 1999-2003. But he scored just 14 goals in 2003-04 before season-ending surgery in March to repair a tear in his right shoulder.

Olympic hopeful Yin ruptures Achilles'

INDIANAPOLIS — Olympic hopeful gymnast Tabitha Yin ruptured her right Achilles' tendon during training Tuesday, ending her chances of making the Athens Games.

Yin, 18, will have surgery Wednesday, but recovery is expected to take several months. She finished fourth at the Olympic trials that ended Sunday and was tied for 15th in the 100-meter sprint in the rotation against Milwaukee.

She was invited to a selection camp next month to compete for the four remaining spots on the U.S. squad.

Rockies to call up Stark

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies shook up their rotation Tuesday, designating right-hander Kevin Jarvis for assignment and shifting Jeff Fassero to the bullpen.

The moves clear space for right-hander Denny Stark, superb since being sent to Triple-A Colorado Springs in April. He's expected to be called up Thursday to take Fassero's spot in the rotation against Milwaukee.

Stark started the season with the Rockies despite struggling in spring training, but was designated for assignment April 17 after running up a 16.20 ERA in two starts.

Kearns needs surgery, out 4-6 weeks

CINCINNATI — Austin Kearns needs surgery to remove scar tissue from his aching right thumb, sidelining the Cincinnati Reds outfielder for another four to six weeks.

Kearns developed a sore spot on the inside of the thumb last month, eventually forcing him onto the 15-day disabled list for the second time this season. The soreness hasn't gone away, and doctors decided Tuesday that surgery is the only option left.



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American League

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New York	42	56	.429	0
Boston	34	62	.354	15 1/2
Tampa Bay	34	62	.354	15 1/2
Baltimore	34	62	.354	15 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	40	54	.426	0
Minnesota	37	57	.396	4 1/2
St. Louis	37	57	.396	4 1/2
Kansas City	35	59	.371	11 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	43	51	.454	0
Oakland	42	52	.446	1 1/2
Anaheim	41	53	.438	2 1/2
Los Angeles	41	53	.438	2 1/2

Tuesday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees 1, Boston 3	1	0	.454	0
Detroit 9, Cleveland 1	1	0	.454	0
Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 2	1	0	.454	0
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 9	1	0	.454	0

Wednesday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3	1	0	.454	0
Cleveland at Detroit	1	0	.454	0
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota	1	0	.454	0
Seattle at Kansas City	1	0	.454	0

Thursday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-0) at Minnesota (Cantana 4-6)	1	0	.454	0
Cleveland (Cline 7-1) at Detroit (Johnson 5-7)	1	0	.454	0
Detroit (Baltista 6-9) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 5-5)	1	0	.454	0
Seattle (Hendrickson 5-5) at Seattle (Thompson 4-9)	1	0	.454	0

Friday's interleague games	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox vs. Montreal at San Juan	1	0	.454	0
Tampa Bay at Florida	1	0	.454	0
Philadelphia at Philadelphia	1	0	.454	0
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets	1	0	.454	0

Saturday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore 5-4 at Kansas City (Dunne 7-2)	1	0	.454	0
St. Louis 4-3 at Kansas City (Dunne 7-2)	1	0	.454	0
Los Angeles at Anaheim	1	0	.454	0
Oakland at San Francisco	1	0	.454	0

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Yankees 11, Red Sox 3	1	0	.454	0

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Boston battered

Yankees rout reeling Red Sox; open 6½-game lead in AL East

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Determined to prove their 1-6 record in April against the Boston Red Sox was a fluke, the New York Yankees routed their bitter rival.

"After the way they manhandled us the first time, you're wondering how you stack up," New York manager Joe Torre said.

On Tuesday, the Yankees **AL Roundup** left no doubt.

Gary Sheffield hit a three-run homer, Tony Clark hit a drive into the center-field bleachers, and New York took advantage of three Boston errors to rout the visiting Red Sox 11-3 in front of 53,251 that included Vice President Dick Cheney.

Roles were reversed in the Bronx on Tuesday as the first-place Yankees opened a 6½-game lead over the Red Sox in the AL East. In April, they fell 4½ back of Boston after being swept in a three-game series.

"We were jacked up for this one," Sheffield said. Sheffield and Clark homered off Derek Lowe after the Red Sox committed errors, raising their total to a major-league-leading 58. Shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, who missed the April games with Achilles' tendinitis, allowed Derek Jeter's two-out grounder in the fourth to kick off the heel of his glove for his second error of the game. Sheffield followed with a three-run homer.

After second baseman Pokey Reese bobbled Jorge Posada's



Gary Sheffield, above, hit a three-run homer with two outs in the fifth inning to give the Yankees a 7-2 lead immediately after Boston shortstop Nomar Garciaparra booted a ground ball.

fifth-inning grounder, failing to help turn what would have been an inning-ending double play, Clark hit a two-run homer.

"There were just too many mistakes out there," Boston outfielder Johnny Damon said.

Damon homered off Javier Vazquez on the second pitch of the game and added another in the third to give Boston a 2-1 lead. But the Yankees took a 4-2 lead in the bottom half when Kenny Lofton reached on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly, and Hideki Matsui hit a tiebreaking two-run single. It came one pitch after Jeter and Alex Rodriguez pulled off a double steal.

"That's just some of the little



Boston's Johnny Damon, left, and Dave McCabe lament Tuesday's 11-3 loss at Yankee Stadium that dropped the Red Sox to 27-27 since April. Boston led the AL East by 4½ games in early May.

things that help you win games," Jeter said. "You pick your spots."

Lowe (6-7) allowed a career-high nine runs, although just five were earned.

"They beat us pretty much in every facet of the game," Lowe said.

Following a 15-6 start, the Red Sox have gone 27-27 since April, putting pressure on themselves to keep pace.

"We have to do better," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

Vazquez (9-5) lost twice to Boston in April. This time, he matched his season best with eight strikeouts, allowing three runs and seven hits in 6½ innings.

In other AL games on Tuesday:

Athletics 5, Angels 4: In Oakland, Calif., Bobby Crosby hit a go-ahead two-run single in the seventh against Francisco Rodriguez to help Mark Mulder (10-2) win his career-best eighth straight decision.

Mulder is unbeaten in 11 starts since losing at Yankee Stadium on April 28. He allowed nine hits

and four runs, struck out eight and walked three in seven innings — barely outpacing Angels starter Kelvin Escobar.

Octavio Dotel pitched a perfect ninth for his first save in two opportunities with his new team.

Mariners 4, Rangers 3: Rich Aurilia hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning and Joel Pineiro won his third straight decision.

Trailing 3-1, the host Mariners got a sacrifice fly from Bret Boone before Aurilia homered to beat Joaquin Benoit (2-3).

Pineiro (4-8) pitched seven innings and struck out a season-high nine. Eddie Guardado got his 15th save.

Blue Jays 4, Devil Rays 0: Ted Lilly (7-4) didn't allow a run over six-plus innings to win his fifth straight road decision and Eric Hinske stole home for Toronto.

Hinske stole home on the front end of a double steal during a two-run first as the Blue Jays beat the Devil Rays to only their third loss in 19 games. Josh Phelps homered for Toronto.

White Sox 6, Twins 2: Mark Buehrle (8-2) gave up eight hits and two runs in eight innings to improve to 13-4 against the Twins and lead visiting Chicago into first place in the AL Central.

Jose Valentin hit a solo home run, and Juan Uribe added a two-run shot for the White Sox, who beat Carlos Silva (8-5).

Tigers 9, Indians 7 (11): Dntri Young's two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th gave the Tigers their season-high fifth straight victory.

It was the Tigers' third straight game-ending home run. Eric Munson's solo shot in the ninth beat Arizona on Saturday, and Carlos Pena's grand slam in the ninth led the Tigers past the Diamondbacks the next day.

Royals 4, Orioles 3: Desi Relaford broke a 3-1 tie in the sixth with an RBI double as the host Royals ended a five-game losing streak.

Sidney Ponson (3-11) lost his eighth straight decision and leads the majors in losses.

Gagne, Dodgers get revenge against rival Giants

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers wanted to put last week's disastrous performance in San Francisco behind them as quickly as possible — particularly by Paul Lo Duca and Eric Gagne.

Jayson Werth hit a tying homer and scored the go-ahead run on Lo Duca's eighth-inning single, leading the Dodgers to a 2-1 victory over the Giants on Tuesday night. Gagne got three outs for his 19th save, extending his consecutive saves streak to 82.

"We got spanked up there and got our butts kicked. They



stomped us, and we weren't ready. So to win this game is big," Lo Duca said. "We've still got two more games against these guys and we've got to face their best (Johan Santana) on Thursday."

The Dodgers and Giants resumed their rivalry following last week's four-game sweep by the Giants at San Francisco. In the series finale, Giants outfielder Michael Tucker got upset about a high pitch over the middle of the plate from Gagne and triggered a bench-clearing episode that resulted in ejections for both players.

That incident came one day after the benches cleared after pitcher Jeff Weaver covered first base on a grounder by Tucker, and Tucker took exception to Weaver's high tag as both players got there simultaneously. There were no such extracurricular activities this time, however.

"We're professionals. This game has nothing to do with what happened before. We wanted to

get a game back in the standings, and that's what it's all about," Gagne said. "We know we have a good team. We didn't show up in San Francisco, and now it's time to show them that we can play."

Werth, who tied it in the fifth with his fourth home run, greeted reliever Jim Brower (5-5) with a go-ahead single in the eighth and advanced on a sacrifice by pinch-hitter Alex Cora.

Scott Eyre came in and walked pinch-hitter David Ross. Felix Rodriguez came in and got Cesar Izuris to ground into a fielder's choice, putting runners at the corners. The Dodgers then lined a 1-1 pitch to left to score Werth.

Guillermo Mota (4-3) got the win with two scoreless innings, including two timely double plays, before Gagne closed it out and put the third-place Dodgers within 2½ games of the NL West-leading Giants.

San Francisco right-hander Jerome Williams missed his scheduled outing because of mild tendinitis in his shoulder, and lefty Noah Lowry came out of the bullpen to make his third big league start.

He allowed a run and two hits

over seven innings, struck out nine and walked one.

In other NL games on Tuesday: **Pirates 3, Cardinals 0:** Rockies left-hander Sean Burnett shut out visiting St. Louis for six innings in his first major league victory, and Tike Redmond threw two runs.

Burnett (1-2) outpitched Chris Carpenter (8-3), and the Pirates matched a season-high with their fourth straight victory.

Phillies 17, Expos 7: At Philadelphia, Bobby Abreu and David Bell homered and drove in three runs apiece, and the Phillies got 17 hits.

Jimmy Rollins also had three RBIs, Rodolfo Polanco homered and scored twice, and pinch-hitter Tomas Perez added a two-run shot in the eighth. Bell, who hit for the cycle Monday, scored three runs and had an RBI single.

Eric Milton (10-2) allowed seven runs on seven hits in five innings, but moved it to a tie for the major league lead in victories.

Mets 7, Reds 5: Cliff Floyd hit two of New York's three homers and drove in four runs. Ty Wigginton added a two-run shot as the

visiting Mets beat Todd Van Poppel (3-3).

Ken Griffey Jr. was a late scratch for the Reds because of cramps in his left calf, but had a pinch-hit single to snap a career-worst 0-for-24 slump.

Marlins 5, Braves 4: Mike Lowell and Miguel Cabrera hit back-to-back homers in Atlanta, while Josias Manzanillo (1-1) got his first victory in 2½ years.

The Marlins, who won for only the second time in six games, stayed in a first-place tie in the NL East with Philadelphia.

Cubs 7, Astros 5: Craig Biggio dropped Moises Alou's flyball, allowing two runs to score in the seventh inning.

After Carlos Beltran put Houston ahead 5-4 in the top of the seventh, Chicago came back against David Weathers (5-4) and Dan Miceli, who retired Sammy Sosa before Biggio's error.

Brewers 6, Rockies 3: Chad Moeller hit his first career grand slam, and Chris Capane (3-3) gave up one run on four hits and struck out six in six innings to help Milwaukee end a nine-game losing streak in Colorado.

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France finds life at top not so easy

NASCAR's new chairman, CEO trying to simplify rules but meeting resistance

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

For the most part, the first 10 months of Brian France's tenure as boss of NASCAR have been a breeze.

The changeover from longtime sponsor Winston to Nextel in NASCAR's top series has gone smoothly. A major antitrust lawsuit over a second race for the Fort Worth track was settled out of court and played right along with the expected schedule realignment. And a new way of determining the Cup championship — with a 10-race shootout at the end of the season — is already generating excitement.

"I've enjoyed the responsibilities and it's obviously action-packed," France said Tuesday during a teleconference. "We have our work cut out for us, but working with the team we've got, developing new ideas and trying to make racing better, it's been a fun first year for me."

One thing that hasn't been much fun, though, is the reaction of competitors and fans to the first major rule change of France's tenure.

Last fall, shortly after taking over from his father, Bill France Jr., as chairman and CEO of NASCAR, it was announced that drivers would no longer race to the finish line when a yellow flag came out.

Competitors had been complaining about that dangerous practice for years and, after a particularly scary moment in which former Cup champion Dale Jarrett's car was stuck in the middle of the track with nearly the entire field bearing down at top speed, the younger France decided to do something about it.

Unfortunately, the change has

caused debate over how to freeze the drivers' positions at the moment the caution flag waves and how soon to open the pit lane during yellows.

There have been a series of confusing rule changes, over long caution periods during races and several mistakes by officials that prompted NASCAR President Mike Helton to issue apologies.

France said NASCAR is well on the way to solving those problems, but he wants to make the rules as simple as possible for everyone.

"The expectations from the drivers, the owners, fans and everybody in the industry is that NASCAR is going to conduct the events in a mistake-free environment," France said. "We all know that that's not humanly possible, although that's our own expectation."

"We have had several mistakes in the last month that we think we've gotten, for the large measure, corrected. We've obviously introduced a more complicated system in terms of freezing the field, although we simplified that in the last two weeks."

Among the recent changes: pit road is now opened only by officials in the control tower, rather than an official at the end of the service lane, and the scoring of the field when a caution is displayed is being done with electronic clocks that show where every car is at any given moment, removing the human element as much as possible.

More changes are coming.

The next big rule change being contemplated, which could be just as controversial and difficult to enforce, is how to make sure races end under a green flag.

Four of the past eight Cup races have ended under caution,



Since taking over for his father, Bill, last fall, NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France has stopped the practice of racing back to the finish line when the caution flag comes out, and hopes to find a safe solution to keep Nextel Cup races from ending under caution.

meaning that the drivers did not get to race to the finish but ended the day driving slowly behind the pace truck. That didn't make drivers or fans happy.

"We are studying that whole idea of how we might give ourselves more opportunities to finish under a green-flag scenario, which is what we want," France said.

Former series champion Rusty Wallace isn't in favor of an idea that would restart the cars with the white one-lap-to-go flag and green displayed simultaneously.

"I don't agree with that and I'll be the first one poliolecting that you shouldn't do that," Wallace said last week. "All these race fans drinking beer and screaming and hollering have not been in a helicopter upside down with 30 tubes hanging out of you after going end-over-end 30 times like I've been before because of these

green-white starts. I think it's ridiculous and it's unsafe."

The truck series has a rule that requires what the drivers call a green-white-checkered finish. With the white flag signifying one lap to go, following a late caution flag, the truck drivers are assured two racing laps to the finish.

"I know that we have [a system] that works in the trucks series but, remember, those are shorter races and we're having to factor in a number of other things," said France, the grandson of NASCAR founder Bill France Sr.

"We will make a decision if it promotes better racing or safety or anything that we think improves the industry. In 53 years of managing the sport, we know what the drivers are up against in terms of finishing under green. Most of them have said recently they'd support some version of [green-white-checkered]."

Driver Unser Jr. retires

Two-time Indy 500 winner, 42, says he's no longer having fun

BY MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two-time Indy 500 winner Al Unser Jr. retired Wednesday because he was no longer having fun as a driver.

Unser also won two CART championships, but struggled in recent years and had little success since joining the IRL series in 2000.

"I have always said that I would get out of the race car if driving stopped being fun for me, and I felt that I was no longer competitive on the track."

Unser Jr.

Unser said, "After careful thought, I came to this conclusion just after the Richmond race and knew that it was time for me to retire."

Unser said he would stay with Patrick Racing as an adviser. The team said it would select a replacement driver later.

He worked for several months to find a ride for this season after breaking his pelvis last October when he was thrown from an all-terrain vehicle in New Mexico. After months of rehabilitation, Unser signed with Patrick Racing in March but missed the first three races of the IRL season.

Unser had three IRL starts this year, never finishing in the top 10. His final race was last Saturday at Richmond, where he ended up 22nd.

Unser won the closest Indy 500, defeating Scott Goodyear by 0.043 seconds in 1992. His other Indy victory came in 1994 when he won from the pole and beat Jacques Villeneuve by 8.6 seconds.

The 42-year-old from Albuquerque, N.M., was the second-generation star from one of auto racing's most famous families: he is the son of four-time Indy winner Al Unser Sr. and nephew of three-time winner Bobby Unser.

"Very few race drivers will ever accomplish as much on the race track as Al has during his career," Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Tony George said. "As a competitor he has upheld the Unser tradition and added balance to their legacy during the last 20-plus years."

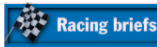
Stewart fined \$50,000, docked 25 Cup points

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tony Stewart avoided suspension Wednesday after NASCAR fined him \$50,000 and docked him championship points for his altercation with Brian Vickers.

Stewart lost 25 points in the driver standings, car owner Joe Gibbs lost 25 points in the owner standings, and Stewart was also placed on probation until Aug. 18.

"This action, we've taken speaks for itself," NASCAR President Mike Helton said. "Tony Stewart is well aware of what is



expected of him going forward."

Stewart would have been suspended for Saturday night's race at Daytona International Speedway for his latest infraction. But NASCAR declined to park him for a race, which saves the 2002 series champion's bid for the Nextel Cup championship.

He did not immediately comment about his penalty.

Vickers was knocked out of Sunday's race in California following contact from Stewart. After the race, Vickers said Stewart came to his car window and confronted him.

Vickers said the two were discussing the on-track contact and Vickers began to laugh about it.

He claimed that Stewart then reached for him inside the car and "knocked the breath out of me."

"He hit the armrest and he reached in the car and he grabbed me in the chest and when he did hit me, it was kind of open palm," Vickers said after the race. "My team grabbed him and pulled him off of me."

Missing a race would have crippled Stewart in his bid for the cup championship. Under NASCAR's new points system, only the top 10 drivers in the standings and anyone else within 400 points of the leader will be eligible to race for the title over the final 10 races of the season.

Stewart, who was fifth in the standings and 307 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson, drops to sixth in the standings after the penalty and is 332 points back.

R. Schumacher faces long break after U.S. crash

STUTTGART, Germany — Ralf Schumacher will miss up to 12 weeks after tests showed he fractured two vertebrae in a crash during the U.S. Grand Prix.

If all goes well, the Williams BMW driver could return for the season's final two races in Japan on Oct. 10 and in Brazil two weeks later.

Schumacher, 29, the younger brother of world champion Michael Schumacher, sustained the fractures and a severe concussion after crashing June 20 at Indianapolis.

Spanish backup driver Marc Gené will replace Schumacher in this weekend's French Grand Prix, the Williams team said. A decision on who will replace Schumacher in future races this season will be made later.



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Williams slams Capriati

Rivalry match one-sided; Roddick wins 'dogfight'

BY STEPHEN WILSON

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — In a match that never lived up to expectations, two-time defending champion Serena Williams beat a listless Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 6-1 in 45 minutes Wednesday to advance to the Wimbledon semifinals.

Andy Roddick had a much tougher test to reach the men's semis, outslugging Sjeng Schalken 7-6 (4), 7-6 (9), 6-3. The second-seeded American, who hasn't lost a set in five matches, served 18 aces and closed out the match with a leaping overhead.

"It was a dogfight," Roddick said. "He's doesn't look spectacular, but he's a great player."

Roddick advances to meet Croatia's

20-year-old Mario Ancic, who upset fifth-seeded Tim Henman 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2. Roddick is 3-0 against Ancic, including a three-set win on grass at Queen's Club last month.

In another men's quarterfinal, defending champion Roger Federer beat 2002 champ Lleyton Hewitt 6-1, 6-7 (1), 6-0, 6-4. Hewitt double-faulted on match point, ending the quarterfinal after three rain delays in 2 hours, 19 minutes.

Roddick's match featured a compelling 20-point second-set tiebreaker in which he saved three set points, ripped forehand winners, hit a tournament-best 146 mph serve and connected on big second serves.

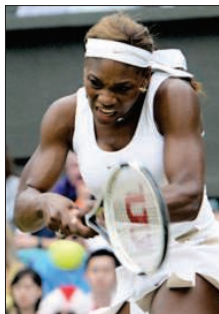
Roddick, who was never broken, saved three break points in the first game of the third set. After a second rain delay at 1-1,

he got the only service break of the match with a forehand pass to go up 4-2. He served out the match at love, starting with his 18th ace and ending with a searing smash reminiscent of Pete Sampras during his run of seven Wimbledon titles.

"The power Andy has, the ball's coming at you — you don't have any time to react," the 12th-seeded Schalken said. "That's something very special. He doesn't have a weakness, I think."

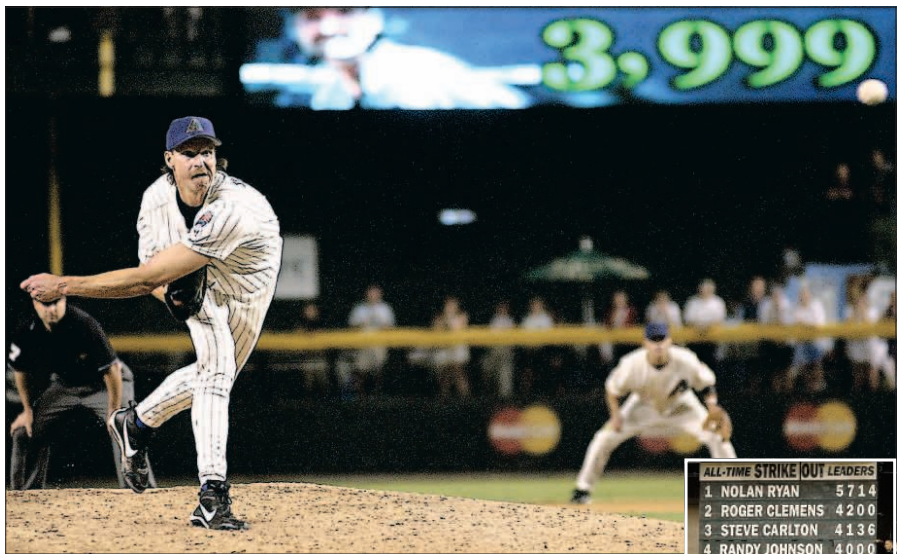
Williams and Capriati have built one of the best rivalries in women's tennis, but this Centre Court match was completely one-sided. The 13,000-capacity stadium was one-third empty and guests in the Royal Box barely had time to settle in their seats before it was all over.

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Defending champ Serena Williams dispatched Jennifer Capriati in just 45 minutes.

Fourth, fastest to 4,000



Diamondbacks pitcher Randy Johnson delivers his 4,000th strikeout pitch to the Padres' Jeff Cirillo during the eighth inning on Tuesday at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. Johnson became only the fourth player to reach 4,000 strikeouts in a career, and a sign in the stadium shows an updated career list (right). See story on Page 46.

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